#### Weinberger: Gulf needs more forces

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Sanday more war ships and airplanes may be needed in the gulf to protect Western interests there. "We believe the objective of keeping the shipping open, keeping the access to the oilfields open, not only for ourselves but for our allies, is a vital objective." Mr. Weinberger said on a television interview. To accomplish this, "there should be air cover there should be enough ships to protect the commercial ships they are escorting," he said. But he said this did "not necessarily" mean an increase in U.S. forces. More U.S. forces would not be needed if America's allies helped out, he said. He denied that a commitment to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers meant a major increase in U.S. involvement inthe Gulf region. Saudi Arabia is already helping to provide air cover for oil shipments, and the navies of Britain and France have ships in the region, he noted in another television interview. "It is not in any sense inconceivable that we would have a substantial sharing of the total burden. We have a good bit of it now," he said.

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## Car blast kills 1 in

TYRE, Lebanon (R) - Explooperating sive planted in a particle of the country and wounded three women on Sunday, police said. They said the owner was getting into the owner was getting in c sexchan women strolling along Tyre's ted alkan seafront area. About 40 people have been killed in at least 12 a sener major bomb attacks in various ison author parts of Lebanon this year.

#### Message PLO chairman in **Mauritania**

BANJUL (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafal flew into Mauritania Saturday night for talks with President Mohammad Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmad Taya, Nouakchott Radio reported Sunday. The radio, monitored in e who obe Banjul, quoted Mr. Arafat as telling reporters on arrival that he would brief Mr. Taya on last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers.

#### Israeli panel drafts Pollard report

lieve also TEL AVIV (R) — Members of parliament investigating Israel's role in the Jonathan Pollard spy affair met Sunday to complete a long-awaited report on the Washington scandal. Israel Radio said the six committee members planned to spend up to three nights at an undisclosed location until they completed a report aimed at finding who bore political responsibility for the affair. Abba Eban - committee chairman; planned to hold a news conference after submitting the report on Tuesday or Wednesday.

#### Lebanese groups condemn abrogation of pact with PLO

ALEY, Lebanon (R) — Lebanese leftist groups have joined Palestine Liberation Orga-nisation (PLO) factions in condemning an annulment of a pact that gave the PLO military rights in South Lebanon. Forty-five of the 84 remaining members of Lebanon's parliament passed a law on Thursday annulling the 1969 Cairo agreement which gave the PLO military privileges in South Lebanon and the right to attack Israel from there. Speakers from the main Druze militia and the Communist Party criticised the annulment at a rally Saturday night in support of anti-Israel fighters at Aley, southeast

#### Only 24% of Americans think Reagan telling truth

NEW YORK (AP) - Only 24 per cent of Americans believe President Ronald Reagan is telling the truth when he denies knowing that money from arms sales to Iran went to help the Nicaraguan rebels, according to a new poll. The 24 per cent figure was down from 31 per cent two weeks earlier. Fifty-nine per cent said he was lying, according to the New York Times-CBS News poll published Sunday. The tele-phone poll of 1,343 adults taken Monday through Thursday showed that 43 per cent said the congressional hearings into the matter were producing new information and 42 per cent said they had "only been for show."

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## Jordanian and Saudi leaders review efforts to convene Arab summit

King Hussein, Prince Mohammad, Prince Abdullah and senior officials perform Umra

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HIS MAJESTY King Hussein and King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia held talks Sunday evening on means to settle inter-Arab differences in preparations for convening the 13th Arab summit in Riyadh.

The two leaders talks in Mecca 1983, and that the gathering of also covered their recent efforts. Arab heads of state could take aimed at reconciling Arab countries, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Both monarchs have been seeking to reconcile Syria and Iraq which are at odds since 1979. Also, King Fahd is mediating Moroccan-Algerian differences over Western Sahara. The Saudi monarch brought together President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria and King Hassan of Morocco in a summit on the Algerian-Moroccan border on May 4.

Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi said recently that most Arab countries had agreed to convene the 13th Arab summit, which had been delayed due Sandi side the talks were to inter-Arab differences since attended by Prince Sultan Ibn

place before the end of this year.

King Hussein's talks with King Fahd on Sunday also covered bilateral relations, Petra said. The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb, Public Security Director-General Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali and the Jordanian ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Mohammad Rasoul Al Keilani. On the

Abdul Aziz, second deputy prime minister and minister of defence and civil aviation, Interior Minis-ter Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz, Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal and Information Minister Ali Al

Earlier, the King and the delegation accompanying him joined worshippers in ceremonies marking Lailat Al Qadr (Night of Destiny — the night between the 26th and 27th of Ramadan when, according to Sura 97, the Holy Koran was revealed), and performed the Umra pilgrimage. The delegation accompanying the King also includes Chief Islamic Justice Mohammad Mheilan and several senior officials.

The King was seen off from Amman airport by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Armed Ferces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other senior officials.

Upon his arrival at Jeddah airport, the King was greeted by Prince Majed Ibn Abdul Aziz, governor of Mecca, and senior Saudi Arabian officials.

## Thousands of Kurds join Iraqi forces to fight against Iranians

duz, a mountainous town near the Iranian border in Iraqi Kurdistan, have joined special mili-tias to belp Iraq in its 61/2-year-old war against Iran, officials said

Sunday. Town Governor Abdul Wahid Husameddin told reporters about a third of its 23,000 people had enlisted in "light battalions" to fight the Iranians and antigovernment Kurdish forces.

Tehran Radio claimed two days ago that Kurdish rebels had captured Rawanduz, but Mr. Husameddin said there had been no fighting in the area. He denied that Iranian-backed rebels had any influence there.

The reporters, flown by army helicopter to the town 250 kilometres northeast of Baghdad and 30 kilometres from the Iranian border, saw hundreds of

Chadli Benjedid

May 4.

can solidarity."

released.

RABAT (R) — Algeria and Morocco, in dispute over the

Western Sahara, plan to release

incidents over the past 11 years.

The prisoner swap is the first concrete result of a summit be-

tween Algerian President Chadli

Benjedid and King Hassan of Morocco arran ed by King Fahd

of Saudi Arabia on the border on

Algeria said Saturday it would

free 150 Moroccan soldiers.

Rabat said a few hours later it

would release 102 Algerian sol-

diers captured in January 1976.

Both linked the gesture to the

current holy month of Ramadan.

Morocco said it was acting in "a

spirit of Islamic and north Afri-

No details were given on where

and when the prisoners would be

A 102 Algerian soldiers held in

barracks in Rabat, according to

when an Algerian regular army return nome.

Algeria and Morocco to swap

prisoners as good will gesture

soldiers taken prisoner in border the early days of the conflict.

informed sources, were captured taken prisoner are allowed to

Marrakesh.

The town is linked to the out-

side world only by one asphalt road leading to Erbil, capital of the autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan, 70 kilometres to the south.

Mr. Husameddin dismissed Iranian claims that Kurdish rebels had captured eight Iraqi military posts around the nearby town of Kormal and that public strikes had closed shops in the area.

"The people of Rawanduz are fighting the saboteurs and more than 7,000 have joined the light battalions to fight the Iranian aggressors and their agents," he

Most shops in the town were open on Sunday and filled with

One volunteer, Zirar Hamad Rasoul, who carried a rifle and had hand grenades attached to his

column was surrounded at Amga-

la. Western Sahara, near the

Mauritanian border, in 1976 in

Moroccan soldiers were cap-

tured in various border incidents,

the main group two years ago

when a convoy got lost in the

Boudnib desert region east of

Western Sahara where Polisario

guerrillas backed by Algeria chai-

former Spanish colony, Algiers and Rabat have avoided military

lenge Morocco for control of the

The Morocco-Algeria prisoner

swap does not benefit hundreds

of Moroccans imprisoned by the

Polisario. They are held near its

elderly Moroccan prisoners last

Polisario guerrillas because those

year through the Red Cross.

Polisario released 10 sick or

Morocco says it does not hold

camps in the Tindouf region.

Despite antagonism over the

RAWANDUZ, Iraq (R) — young Kurds protecting Rawan-belt, told reporters: "I joined the Thousands of Kurds in Rawan-duz from all sides." light battalions to fight the Iranian enemy and protect my town and Kurdistan against the Iranians and their agents."

Lieutenant-General Tali'a Khalil Al Douri, commander of Iraq's First Army Corps, said the military did not need an intensive presence in the area because it was protected by the Kurds them-

He denied that any major clashes had taken place in the region of Rawanduz in the past few months.

"Highwaymen opening fire on a passenger car or a mountain hut at midnight does not mean that Kurdish saboteurs are in control of the area," he told the reporters at his headquarters near Erbil.

Gen. Douri said large numbers of Kurdish rebels had surrendered to the government.

## Weizman assails Kissinger for rejecting Mideast

conference TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Cabinet minister Ezer Weizman on Sunday called former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger "an aging prima donna" for rejecting a proposal to convene a Middle East peace conference.

Speaking to reporters after a weekly cabinet meeting, Mr. Weizman, a minister without portfolio, said: "I have a clear assessment that if he (Mr. Kissinger) were involved, he would make an international conference here and now.

"But he has not been involved for 10 years already. He only writes books and gives lectures ... to a certain degree, with all the affection I have for him, he is a

bit of an aging prima donna."
Dr. Kissinger last week told the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations in New York that without clear understandings of procedure and agenda, an U.N.-sponsored Middle East conference would not be in Israel's best interests.

He cited the brief remaining tenure of the Reagan administration as a reason for not pursuing a peace conference.



His Majesty King Hussein leaves for Sandi Arabia on Sunday accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Mchammad, His Royal

### Israeli cabinet accepts Peretz'

return

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel's coalition government on Sunday accepted the return to the cabinet of Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz whose small religious Shas Party could help resolve the deadlock over an international Middle East peace conference.

Rabbi Peretz has promised to support Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc against efforts by Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres to call early elections on the issue, but his return to the cabinet was not opposed by Mr. Peres' Labour Party.

MI. Shamir has opposed Mi Peres' proposal to convene an international Middle East peace conference and both have sought support from religious parties. Mr. Peres is about four votes

short of the necessary 61 majority in the 120-seat Knesset to call elections over the conference question.

The return of Rabbi Peretz as minister without portfolio is subject to parliamentary approval. He said he would rejoin the cabinet last week after the Likud promised to make concessions on religious issues. The Shas Party holds four seats in the Knesset.

Rabbi Peretz resigned as interior minister earlier this year in protest over a court ruling that ordered him to recognise the nonorthodox reform conversion to Judaism of U.S.-born Shoshana Miller as grounds for Israeli

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein on Wednesday handed a letter of resignation to the cabinet after announcing last week that he was leaving the government because he opposed concessions to religious parties. It was not immediately clear

who would replace Mr. Rubinstein, the leader of the three-seat Shinui Party which is closely aligned to the Labour Party.

## Israeli stabbed in Gaza (

(Agencies) — An Israeli man was stabbed while shopping in occupied Gaza on Sunday and the a Palestinian who allegedly de-Israeli army said it detained nine Arabs for questioning.

An army spokesman said attackers stabbed the man while he was shopping in the town's seven-year-old Arab boy in Gaza main Palestine square. He was lightly wounded. The army said a kitchen knife

apparently used in the attack was found at a nearby petrol station. Eight store owners and the petrol station owner were detained for questioning while Israeli soldiers closed off the area, the army said.

Also in Gaza, an Arab passenger in a car died when a bomb he was allegedly carrying exploded. The driver, an Israeli Arab woman who escaped injury, was being held for questioning, the army said.

Last year three Israelis were town of Jenin, police said they killed and another wounded in believed Arabs were responsible

Gaza, igniting angry anti-Palestinian protests by Israeli settlers. On Friday, Israeli troops killed tonated a roadside bomb.

On Saturday, enraged Palesti-

its driver ran over and killed a Saturday to launch a general Meanwhile, the army also moved reinforcements into Jeru-

salem's Old City overnight after Palestinians attacked military vehicles outside the city's walls, Israel Radio said. Demonstrations erupted during night-long Ramadan religious ceremonies in the Old City and

police used teargas to disperse hundreds of Arabs hurling stones and bottles at the vehicles. The radio said police detained

dozens of demonstrators. In the occupied West Bank

for the shooting on Monday of Hassan Lahlouch, 30, a cousin of the Palestinian mayor. He was shot twice in the head.

In another developments, leaders of Israel's Arab minority denians burned an Israeli car after cided at an emergency meeting strike to protest economic and social discrimination, an Arab

mayor said. "I hope these things will be stopped before they reach the level of revolt," Samir Darwish, mayor of the town of Baka Al

Gharbiya, said in an interview. Mr. Darwish said the strike would be formally announced on May 31. During the strike, which he said would be of "unlimited duration," Arab workers would not leave their homes for work in the Jewish sector, and all Arab municipalities, schools and businesses would be closed.

man U.S. navy team investigating

The navy's probe has focused

on the possibility a failure in the

Phalanx anti-missile system

aboard the Stark kept the crew

from knowing that an Iraqi war-

plane had fired missiles at the

U.S. navy officials in Bahrain first denied that the computer

system that runs the Phalanx was

faulty, then refused to comment

Asked about this issue, Sen. Sasser said: "I determined that

this was a matter which for the

further on the matter.

the attack.

## Senator says U.S. hopes to exclude Soviets from Gulf protection force

attacks.

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - A Union, Britain and France have Stark with its captain, Commanwarships patrolling the Gulf to der Glenn Brindel, and Admiral protect commercial vessels flying Grant Sharp, who heads a 10-U.S. senator probing the missile attack on the USS Stark said Sunday after visiting the crippled frigate that Washington hopes the Soviet Union would be excluded from a proposed force to protect navigation in the troubled Gulf

Sen. James Sasser told a news conference Britain, France and other "traditional purchasers of Gulf oil" should commit units to the force, which was proposed after the May 17 Iraqi attack in which 37 American sailors were

"I would say the United States would be willing to participate with other nations to guarantee the right of free passage in the Gulf," said Mr. Sasser.
"I wever, we would at this

juncture anyway wish to circumscribe our cooperation and would hope that the maritime action force would consist exclusively at this stage of our British allies and also the French."

The United States, the Soviet

waterway in a so-called tanker war, an offshoot of the Gulf war. Mr. Sasser, an opposition Democrat who arrived Friday, said the proposed force also

their flags from Iraqi and Iranian

Iran and Iraq, at war since September 1980, have been

attacking vessels in the strategic

would include contingents from "those nations that have had a traditional interest in the Gulf states, and with those nations with which the Gulf states themselves have traditionally been comfortable and have traditionally exercised open and friendly relations.'

"The Soviet Union is not a traditional purchaser of oil from the Gulf," the Tennessee senator

-He spoke after a visit to the ill-fated frigate, anchored three senators appointed by majority

present time might best be left to court of inquiry."
This, he said, was "simply because what I perceive to be some confusion as to what has occurred

aboard" after the missiles struck. Mr. Sasser is one of three U.S.

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### Aquino foes seek to stage repeat of 1986 revolt

Philippine soldiers on Sunday to come out of their barracks and overthrow her.

"Come out of the camps and join us. Cory, step down. Let former Defence Secretary Juan Ponce) Enrile run the country," protesters shouted through loudspeakers at soldiers in Manila's two main military camps.

The demonstrators had answered a call from the Grand Alliance for Democracy (GAD), the main right-wing opposition grouping, to gather at the site of Mrs. Aquino's greatest political triumph.

They filled the Edsa (Epifanio De los Santos) highway in front of the camps. In February 1986 hundreds of thousands of Filipinos gathered there to back a military revolt that ousted Ferdinand Marcos and put Mrs. Aquino in power.

Mr. Enrile, whom Mrs. Aquino dismissed because of his links with alleged plotters of

MANILA (R) — Fifteen coups against her, was greeted thousand right-wing opponents of President Corazon Aquino urged be mounted a makeshift stage to wave to the crowd.

> Organisers said the demonstration was meant to seek army support for the right's allegations of massive fraud in May 11 congressional elections. Candidates from both right and left were vanquished by Mrs. Aquino's supporters in the poll.

But a series of speakers quickly moved beyond this aim with the encouragement of the crowd.

"The so-called February 1986 revolt was not a revolution but a picuic," said defeated lowerhouse candidate Chito Lucero. 'This is the real revolution. We will not leave this place until Cory Aquino steps down."

Many in the crowd had brought food and water, blankets and mats and said they would not leave Sunday.

"Those who are here will stay here until the government surrenders." said Francisco Tatad, a spokesman for the GAD and a former Marcos minister.

#### nautical miles off Bahrain. The senator met aboard the **British Labour slowly** eroding Conservative lead

the lead given Prime Minister for the alliance.

Margaret Thatcher's ruling ConTranslated into general election

As Mrs. Thatcher bids for a record-breaking third consecutive ment. term in office, a Harris poll for the independent TV-AM network showed her party ahead with 42 per cent against Labour's 36 and 21 per cent for the centrist Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance.

Translated into parliamentary terms, it would give Mrs. Thatcher a 36-seat majority compared with the 140-seat margin she had after the 1983 election.

Another Harris poll on Sunday for Independent Television's "Weekend World" showed Labour leading the Conservatives in key marginal seats where the present candidate had only a

small majority in the last election. close second last time, 41 per cent tions, page 8

LONDON (R) — Britain's main polled said they would vote opposition Labour Party has Labour compard with only 39 per made slight but steady inroads on cent for the Conservatives and 19

Translated into parliamentary servatives by early opinion polls seats and combined with the in the runup to the June 11 nationwide picture, this would nationwide picture, this would give Mrs. Thatcher a mere twoseat majority in the next parlia-

Apart from the Harris findings, opinion polls have consistently shown the Conservatives leading by between seven and 14 per cent, with Labour second and the alliance steadily losing ground in

Political commentators said Labour's decision to concentrate its campaign on the personality of party leader Neil Kinnock had undoubtedly paid off.

third place.

But they pointed out that Mrs. Thatcher, who only spent one day campaigning last week, would launch her main effort this week.

U.S. to witheraw all defences In seats where Labour came a from Britain if Labour wins elec-

# Sheikh Jaber: Iran-Iraq war spreading to involve big powers

KUWAIT (R) — The ruler of Kuwait, which is seeking superpower protection for its vital oil exports, says the Iran-Iraq war is spreading and this is cause for international concern.

"The war has extended even to the big powers," the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, said in an address Saturday night marking the approaching end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

In a bid to stave off Iranian attacks on its shipping, Kuwait has chartered three Soviet tankers — which have Soviet naval escorts --- and wants to sail half its own 22-tanker fleet under the American flag to gain U.S. naval protection. Britain and France also have warships in the waterway.

"The sparks of the Gulf war are currently spreading and the pain and risks of the war are no longer limited to those directly responsible," the emir said.

'It has threatened the freedom of international navigation and has come out of its local framework to become an international concern," he added.

The emir's declaration was Kuwait's first on Gulf shipping since the U.S. frigate Stark was crippled by Iraqi aircraft on May 17, leaving 37 sailors dead. Baghdad said the missile attack was a

The attack fuelled concern in the U.S. Congress over American naval policy in the Gulf and plans of Kuwait and the Reagan administration to re-register Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. colours.

The American Senate voted 91-5 on Thursday to block the deal until the administration compiled a full report on just how the cooperation," the emir said.

gressional witnesses have plucked

the names of Elliot Abrams and

the late William Casey from the

shadows of the once-secret contra

aid network and portrayed them

as playing major roles along with

The same witnesses, however,

did not implicate President

of money for the rebels at a time

official U.S. assistance was ban-

Last week's testimony before

the Iran-contra hearings pro-

duced a wealth of new informa-

tion about the involvement of

Reagan administration officials in

the cloak-and-dagger operation

including more details on Col.

former White House aide was

called by one witness, was heavily

involved in directing the covert

operation and was kept fully in-

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Col. Oliver North.

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reflagged tankers would be pro-

The United States maintains seven medium-sized warships in the Gulf and Tehran, has recently installed heavy, long-range antishipping missiles along its coast, has warned it would not hesitate to strike at the reflagged tankers. Tehran has stepped up attacks

on shipping associated with Kuwait in retaliation for Iraqi strikes on Iranian vessels and the emirate's support for the Baghdad government.

One of the Soviet tankers under charter to Kuwait has already been holed by a drifting mine near Kuwait.

Another Soviet ship, a freighter. was also attacked recently by Iranian Revolutionary Guards firing small rocket-propelled grenades from high-speed launches. In another Gulf emirate, Bahrain, members of a U.S. Senate team were arriving to assess the safety of American shipping in the Gulf following the attack on the frigate, which is anchored

Two more congressional teams are expected in Bahrain in the coming week, while a U.S. navv board of inquiry is investigating how the Iraqi projectiles penetrated the frigate's anti-missile defence systems.

"The peace we call for in the Gulf is the same peace we call for Lebanon and Afghanistan through national unity and free will, independent decision and

Lawmakers heard testimony

countries for money because the

pitch would be handled at the

White House.

highest level," meaning the

Former CIA Director Casey

was quoteed as telling an indus-

trialist and contra contributor

that Col. North was "the guy to

see" about donations while U.S.

government assistance was cut off.

Col. North's courier to the

contras, Robert Owen, testified

that the former National Security

Council aide directed secret air-

drops and exchanges of envelopes

stuffed with cash for the contras.

He told of delivering \$30,000 in

traveller's checks to as many as 10

Contra leader Adolfo Calero

Mr. Casey's role was described

testified that in dozens of meet-

practically everything."



Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah

"We (the Islamic World) should be among those present-ing peace," said Sheikh Jaber who, with Kuwait as current chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, ranks as symbolic head of. the Muslim World.

He said the Palestinian movement had moved towards unity of will and decision which needed the support of Arab solidarity.

He urged his country of 1.7 million people, lying within ear-shot of the Gulf war and the target of a spate of bombings in recent years, most apparently the work of pro-Iranian sympathisers, to remain steadfast.

He voiced confidence the emirate would overcome its difficul-

The emir, who last July dissolved the National Assembly and several articles of the constitution because of what he called security and economic crises, spoke of renewed confidence in the oil-reliant economy.

coordination by the government and private sector, which he said must be sustained in a programme based on prudent spending. In Dubai, a senior official of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) called on big powers to help protect shipping in

the waterway. Saif Al Muskari, the GCC's assistant secretary-general for political affairs, told Al Bayan newsppaer the attack on the Stark and the mine incident involving the Soviet tanker constituted a dangerous new turning point in the Iran-Iraq war.

"The responsibility for protecting navigation in international waters does not fall only on the GCC countries but is a joint responsibility between Gulf states and states with interests in the region, especially the big pow-

The UAE paper Al Khaleej, meanwhile, sharply attacked the GCC for not doing enough on its own to protect shipping.
"What is astonishing is that the

two superpowers, and other states from East and West, are talking about the security and futre of the Gulf while the only silence is from the GCC, which is supposed to reflect the demands and hopes of its peoples," the

The GCC states have spent billions on arms but what is the role of these arms if not to guarantee stability and security and keep out the superpowers

and their plans?" it asked.
The GCC includes Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman in an economic and defence grouping.

Roles of Casey, Abrams outlined in Iran-contra hearings Mr. Owen said he had the son to go to, to get it done."

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### Gas tank still blazes at Kuwait's Ahmadi port

KUWAIT (AP) — Tongues of flame and thick palls of smoke spiralled skyhigh Sunday from a gas container at Kuwait's Ahmadi key oil export terminal, and knowledgeable diplomatic sources blamed it on unidentified

A major salvage operation was meanwhile underway, and Interior Ministry officials said the fire has been largely contained after raging for three days.

The gas was being flared away

but the danger of the fire spreading was arrested earlier in the day, the officials said.

The extent of damage was not immediately known. A ministerial committee com-

prising the ministers of oil, defence, interior, public health, municipal affairs and electricity and water has been created to supervise salvage operations, examine motives and implications of the blaze.

The fire broke out Friday night at petroleum gas tank no. 406 at Ahmadi, 50 kilometres south of

the capital. The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, said without elaborating the cabinet in an emergency session Saturday discussed the ramifications of the

Ahmadi, in the southern oil. nerve centre of this Gulf Arab state, was declared off limits to visitors after a wave of blasts in the region and in downtown Kuwait in January.

Three blasts rocked the terminal and the adjacent oil field of Magwa' in January. The same Kuwaiti regions were a target of sabotage blasts last June. The region is inhabited pre-

dominantly by Shi'ite Muslims of whom 16 persons are to be sentenced on June 6 on charges of complicity in perpetrating the blasts. Four of 16 were tried in One person was killed in the

spate of blasts. A Yemeni office boy was killed when a bomb ripped through a travel bureau in Kuwait's fashionable Fahd Al Salem Street less than two weeks

Kuwait has been a particular target of terrorist attacks in recent years, including an attempt on the life of the Emir, Sheikh fendants have mainly been pro- level in the final seconds. Iranian Shi'ite sympathisers. | The ship's guns and missiles

## Reagan, aides defend policy in Gulf

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has continued deofficial warned withdrawing the stability and allow Iran to press

into Kuwait. Following the tragic incident in the Gulf a week ago when 37 crewmen of the USS Stark were killed by an apparently accidental Iraqi missile attack, Mr. Reagan maintained last week that the U.S. naval presence was necessary to keep the war between Iran and Iraq from interfering with the free flow of oil. "Since 1949 American ships have patrolled in the Gulf, an

area that is a vital strategic and economic crossroads for the nations of three continents, an area that in the hands of a hostile power would be a chokepoint of freedom," Mr. Reagan said Saturday in his weekly nationwide radio broadcast.

His remarks were aimed at both the U.S. public, shocked by the Iraqi attack, and at Congress,

fending U.S. policy in the Gulf for Kuwaiti oil tankers and sales while a top Defence Department of advanced fighter planes to of advanced fighter planes to Saudi Arabia.

U.S. navy would cause more in . Separately, Assistant Secretary of Defence Richard Armitage warned that Iran would take avantage of increased instability in the vital oil shipping lanes of the region without the U.S. pre-

> "I think that instability in the Gulf would be rampant," if U.S. naval power were removed, he said Saturday in a television inter-

Mr. Armitage added: "I think the Iranians would take advantage of it and press that advantage onto Kuwait and perhaps even the Soviet Union. A joint team from the State

and Defence Departments left Saturday for the region to investigate the incident. An 11-member navy board of inquiry was already in the region and three congressional delegations are on the way. Their goals are to find out national day of mo whether the attack by an Iraqi fallen Stark crew.

was indeed accidental as asserted by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and how the sophisticated defences on the frigate failed to protect it.

Administration officials have said the attack was a mistake but investigators will attempt to interview the Iraci pilot.

Mr. Reagan has announced the United States plans to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Gulf by bringing them under U.S. flag. But this has been challenged by

Congress. The Senate voted last week to require him to provide a full report on his plans for protection of U.S. and allied forces in the region before the Kuwaiti protection plan can be carried

In addition, the incident has caused congressional challenges to a pending sale of 12 F-15s to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Reagan also proclaimed May 25, memorial day, as a national day of mourning for the

### Stark attack raises question whether surface fleets can survive combat were silent as the Exocets struck. officials said.

more than 24 hours.

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON — The damaging blow dealt to a \$300-million U.S. frigate by some \$250,000 Iraqi Exocet missiles in the Gulf has raised again the question of whether surface fleets can survive combat in the age of "smart"

Military experts say surface combat vessels are still necessary but they told Reuters that warships like the USS Stark, designed to fight aircraft and other ships, are in many cases very vulnerable to surprise attack. The Stark, part of a six-ship

U.S. force patrolling to safeguard freedom of navigation near the Iran-Iraq war zone, bristled with defensive electronics, anti-missile missiles and a 3,000-round-a-minute Gatling gun designed to shoot down incoming missiles.

The ship was nonetheless put out of action and 37 sailors were killed on May 17 when two Exocets, unleashed by accident by an Iraqi jet, hit just above the waterline. The French-made missiles.

fired from 19 kilometres away, hit the frigate in less than 90 seconds. Captain Glenn Brindel said the Stark was not aware of an attack until a lookout spotted a 15-foot Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. De- (five-metre) Exocet at wavetop

Iraq, apologising, said the pilot

starting fires that burned for

thought the he was firing at an Iranian target in the 61/2-year-old "The Exocet is pretty good,

but it is not the best. If we can't stop that missile, think what Soviet state-of-the-art stuff with much bigger warheads can do," said Ronald O'Rourke, chief naval analyst for the Congressional Research Service. The two Exocets, of the type

that Argentina used to wreak havoc upon the British navy in the 1982 Falklands war, were apparently carried aloft on an Iraqi F-1 fighter bomber shortly after 9 p.m. Gulf time on May 17. The plane was spotted by

U.S. Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) plane based in Saudi Arabia and was tracked by both the radar plane and the Stark as it flew south off the coast of Saudi Arabia and turned toward the Stark.

#### NEWS ANALYSIS

The Stark broadcast two queries to the jet over an international radio frequency, which the Shortly after 10 p.m., the Iraqi

pilot launched his missiles.

The Exocets fell to near the surface of the sea where their solid fuel rocket motors ignited headed them toward the Stark. "The big question here is how those relatively simple missiles were able to get through several layers of defensive electronics and weaponry and hit the ship,"

asked not to be identified. The ship's SPS-49 long-range radar picked up the approaching aircraft from afar and tracked it for 200 miles (320 kilometres) but never detected the missile's

said a navy weapons expert, who

And the ship's SLQ-32,

another standard defensive radar, never detected the missile's homing radar or the aircraft's fire control radar, according to the Stark's captain. Published reports said the ship

had experienced major problems with its radar systems, but the navy refused to comment other than to say the Stark reported it was "in a state of readiness" on the morning of the attack. Electronics such as the Stark's

radars and its rapid-fire "Phalanx" 20mm Gatling gun system must identify threats from far and near and be turned on at all times in order to shoot down incoming missiles and planes, weapons experts said. In this case, they said, some

systems were shut down and the. Phalanx was not in its automatic 2012 Al mode, preventing instant defensive fire. The ship's standard-1 missiles, Titl

which can be fired at attacking aircraft, ships or missiles, were never fired at the incoming Ex-

Stark's MK-36 "Super Chaf- \* \*\*\* froc," designed to throw out clouds of metal chaff around the mean ship and confuse the radar homing 20 200 devices of attacking weapons, and as was never engaged.

Capt. Brindel and navy officials say if the Phalanx gun had as a been on full automatic, it would have found the missiles by itself aikit u snot them down. The navy 🛬 🚉 shot down three of four approaching Exocets in a 1984 test using a Phalanx mounted on Relation an old destroyer.

"But all this does not get around the fact that these ships and become vulnerable in a Third become world situation where they are not constantly on a full war alert," said retired navy Rear Admiral Gene La Rocque, director of the private Centre for Defence Information in

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Joseph Coors, the Colorado brewery magnate and a contra contributor, said that Mr. Casey told him in June 1985 that "Ollie North's the guy to see" about making a voluntary contribution to the rebels. He also quoted Mr. Casey as saying, "this is the per-

gence chief "Uncle Bill." He testified he met, with Mr.

Mr. Calero said, "we put him up to date on what was going on, and he listened very attentively to everything he said. In return he showed not disgust, but he felt

## Kuwaiti reliance on superpowers is at odds with GCC

Cooperation Council (GCC). KUWAIT - Kuwait, turning to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are

the United States and the Soviet Union to ship its oil, appears to some diplomats here to have seried from the stated goal of Griff Arch states to comb the United States and the Soviet if anybody else is," said one serior diplomat. It is also on the verge of transfer to comb the United States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished nearly seven years old, would tankers, two of which went into create openings for foreign intervention, they have argued in they would be astonished to the united States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished to the united States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished to the united States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished to the united States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished to the united States and the Soviet is supportive. I would be astonished to the united States and the Union to ship its oil, appears to senior diplomats better to have senior diplomats better to have senior diplomats. The GCC also includes Qatar, favour of keeping the superpower.

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**TODAY'S EVENTS** 

EXHIBITION

Artistic exhibition including 50 plates, by Jordanian plastic artist Mohammad Sabah Kiswan: At exhibi-tion hall, Plaza Hotel. The exhibition must through Wednesday.

FEATURE FILM

"Billy Liar" at 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the British Council.

**CULTURAL CENTRES** 

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7

Hossein Youth City 667181/6 Y.W.C.A 641793 Y.W.M.A 664251

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**MUSEUMS** 

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening bours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has

Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9,00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4,00 p.m.).

Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of meistages.

collection of pointings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-

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WHAT'S GOING ON

By Rory Channing

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zah, Jabal Lawendeh. Opening bours; 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Martyra' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amasa. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

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St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 7/1751.
Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern
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The time of independence coincided with continued Israeli

attempts to usurp Palestine and colonise its land and evict its. people. Jordan, acting according to the philosophy of the Great Arab Revolt, undertook continued struggle for liberation of Arab land. The standards of the Great Arab Revolt were handed down to King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, founder of the



### Israeli stabbed in Gaza City

(Continued from page 1)

Mr. Darwish told AP the Arab leaders decided to cancel their scheduled Tithe 6 meeting and to a their jobs. This will, of course, hold in imergency session in the ... effect the Jewish population sinceitertilein town of Shiaram, or many industrial workers and most

government decision on universi-ty tuition fees, a decision he called "the straw that broke the

camel's back." Earlier this month, the Israeli cabinet voted to make university mition fees 50 per cent higher for anyone who had not served in the

Jewish men and women are. drafted for compulsory military duty, but Israeli Arabs are not

Mr. Darwish said 50 people participated in Saturday's emergency meeting, including five Arab legislators, representatives of the National Council of Arab Municipalities, members of the Committee for Protection of Arab Land and student leaders.

He said leaders of Israel's

700,000-member Arab commun-

tinuous strike until all the problems are solved. "Arab workers will not go to

He said the emergency meeting of the service workers are was called in response to the Arabs," he said.

ity decided to call for "a con-

He said that "in the backpround is the continuing battle ( Arab local councils' heads for budgets equal to those of Jewish towns and the... shortage of classtooms in the Arab sector."

A secretary of the National Council of Arab Municipalities said in an interview this month Arab municipalities received a quarter of a budget allocated to Jewish towns for regular expenses and one-tenth the funds for de-

Nimr Morkof also said that Israeli Arab students studied in 1.400 substandard, overcrowded classrooms which the government was replacing at a rate of 45 per

In Um Al Fahm, the largest Israeli Arab town, open sewers run through some streets.

#### U.S. wants to exclude Soviets

leader Robert Byrd to tour the Gulf region in the wake of the

The other two senators, John Glenn, Democrat from Ohio, and John Warner, Republican from Virginia, were expected to fly to turns to washington Tuesday.

Washington and when he arrived in Bahrain, Mr. Sasser said he would seek a detailed report of the circumstances surrounding the attack to determine whether any negligence on the part of the captain or the 182-man crew was

Mr. Sasser also said he would discuss with navy officials plans to

American flag. Before departing Washington on Friday, the senator said he had

grave reservations about the plan, which would give the Kuwaiti tankers the protection of American warships. Tankers from Kuwait have

been a special target of Iran. Before Mr. Sasser's arrival, the surviving members of the Stark's crew were clearing twisted metal from the frigate's wrecked electronic control centre and placing the debris in large dumpsters on board, said a source close to the

investigation: A U.S. navy source, who demanded anonymity, had no information on reports of a malfunction in the defence system. He spoke in Bahrain after visiting

Iraq apologised, saying the attack on the frigate was a mistake arising from Iraq's long war with Iran. A joint American-Iraqi investigation of the accident has

been proposed. Describing the ship's damage, the navy told AP the first missile punched a hole but failed to detonate. The second missile exploded and touched off an in-

The source said the first missile, a French-built Exocet missile, entered the vessel near the ceiling of one deck. It tore a gaping tunnel through the portside then hit the inside of the starboard hull, punching a small hole there.

The second missile also entered the frigate, although no entry hole has been found and it is unclear where it first struck the vessel, the source said.

The missile barreled down into a small, confined area where it exploded, causing tremendous damage because the space was limited, he said.

In his press conference on Sunday, Sen. Sasser said there would be no coverup by the American

Mr. Sasser said the navy wanted to find out the facts of the

He then embarked on building up the country and transforming it into a modern state. King Hussein's policies have been based on the principles of the Great Arab Revolt. His whole life has been dedicated to serving Arab nation-

In keeping with its nationalistic policies Jordan has sided with Iraq in its war with Iran and backed Syria in the 1973 October war with Israel. In 1968 Jordan engaged the Israelis when their troops launched an aggression on Karameh in the Jordan Valley. Earlier Jordan supported Egypt in the face of the tripartite attack on Suez in 1956,

Jordan continues to confront Israel's aggressive acts and its attempts to evict the Palestinian people from their homeland: In this respect Jordan has worked out an integrated five-year social and economic programme for the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and organised an international conference on the programme in Amman in 1986 in order to enlist support and invite financial backing for this project.

The development programme is designed to improve the living conditions of the Arab population under Israeli rule, build public and social institutions, and boost agricultural, industrial and housing development in territories under Israeli domination.

This project is primarily designed to boost the morale of the Arab population and strengthen their steadfastness in the face of Israel's occupation.

Jordan has been striving on all fronts to convene an international peace conference to bring about a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East, and has succeeded in winning world-wide support for the idea.

Jordan's endeavours have acquired backing from the European Community nations which issued a declaration of Feb. 23 this year in Brussels voicing full support for the convening of this proposed conference.

The Palestinian question will no doubt remain of central concern to Jordan and the Jordanian people will continue to strive under the leadership of King Hussein to help the Palestinian and energy. Jordan has taken been bedecked with decorpeople regain their usurped important steps. At present the significant steps at their significant steps.



H.M. King Hussein; the young King early in his reign

homeland. On the domestic front, Jordan has made great strides towards prosperity since 1946. This country has strengthened its Armed Forces and supplied them with sophisticated weapons for selfdefence. A conscription law has been enacted and a people's army

In the fields of education, agriculture, industry, tourism, transport, communications, health.

formed to provide as many peo-

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nation is carrying out its third five-year development plan which envisages an investment of JD 3,000 million in various economic and social sectors.

Celebrations are to be held in

the Kingdom to mark the occasion; all government departments and public institutions will be closed today. On the eve of the occasion, Jordanian flags, posters, the King's portraits were raised on public places and main squares. Streets and all towns and villages in the Kingdom, have been bedecked with decorative

### Meteorology head elected to world body

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Executive Committee of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has elected Dr. Ali Abanda, director general of the Meteorological Department in Amman, as one of its 36 mem-

The election took place on Thursday during the 10th meeting of the WMO's 156-member general assembly meeting held in Geneva. Dr. Abanda won membership of the committee in the face of strong competition from candidates from Poland, Switzer-

land, Norway, Spain and Italy.
The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that Dr. Abanda won a large majority; the minimum number of votes required for winning is 59.

The WMO's Executive Committee meets at least once a year to prepare studies and recommendations for the WMO's congress. It supervises the imple-mentation of the congress's resolutions and regulations, informs members on technical matters and offers advice.

The WMO started activities and was recognised as a special-ised agency of the United Nations in 1951. Its work aims at improving the exchange of weather information and its applications throughout the world.

### Symposium to discuss issues of transport

AMMAN (J.T.) — A symposium on the latest advancements in transport and traffic fields is scheduled to be held here on June 7. sponsored by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan, according to a report published Sunday in the local daily Al Dustour news-

The five-day symposium will be held in cooperation with the American Centre, the British Council, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents, the Public Security Department, Jordan University for Science and Technology and other institutions concerned.

During the seminar specialists from Jordan and from other countries will give lectures on the Transport and traffic

## Cost of living index drops in first quarter of 1987

AMMAN (Petra) — A report by the Department of Statistics revealed that the cost of living index in the Kingdom reached 129.3 in the first third of 1987, against 130.0 in the same period of 1986, thus registering a drop of

The report revealed Sunday

that the drop is attributed to a general reduction in the price of foodstuffs at the rate of 2.6 per cent, clothes and shoes 2.2 per cent. But, it said that the cost of other commodities and services rose in this period by 2.6 per cent, while the cost of rent and homes maintained the earlier rate.

## PSD director meets with Sudanese army official

AMMAN (Petra) - Public Security Department (PSD) Director Abdul Hadi Al Majali conferred in his office Sunday with Mr. Ahmad Yousef, member of a senior committee in harge of organising the

Mr. Yousef was briefed on the development and organisation of the public security forces and the

security system in the Kingdom. Maj. Gen. Sami Saket, PSD assistant director for manpower, was among several senior officers attending the meeting.



Public Security Department (PSD) Director Abdul Hadi Al Majali (left) confers with Mr. Ahmad Yousef, member of a senior committee in charge of organising the Sudanese armed forces (centre) on Sunday. They discussed the organisation of Jordan's public security forces and security system (Petra photo).

Zarqa to carry out road projects ZARQA (Petra) - Zarqa Muni- with the team the city's developcipality will carry out road con- ment plan and secured its approv-

struction, including asphalting of roads, building of bridges and road junctions at a cost of JD 1.5 million. The Municipality will utilities at a cost of JD also construct pavements, construction of parks and gardens walls at a cost of JD 200,000.

The agreement to carry out these projects was reached at a meeting between the Zarqa Municipal Council and a special working team from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs tion of a library and installation and the Environment.

The Zarqa mayor discussed 750,000.

The work also includes con-

struction of buildings and public utilities at a cost of ID 325,000, embankments and boundary at a cost of JD 325,000 and purchase of vehicles and equipment at JD 320,000.

The work also includes the construction of stores and offices at a cost of JD 450,000, construcof traffic lights at a cost of JD

## Art of calligraphy is 'most symbolic expression of the Islamic spirit'

By Dr. Shaukat Mahmood

LAHORE - A number of traditions have come down to us which not only eulogise good writing but also encourage its practice. One such tradition says, "He who writes beautifully in the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate' obtains innumerable blessings." Such traditions certainly encouraged the followers of Islam to learn and practise calligraphy for it was not only seen as a symbol of merit but also as a key to subsistence, as another tradition confirms, Your duty is to (acquire) good writing for it is the key to your subsistence" (quoted by Qadi Ahmad Ibn Mir Munshi Al Husaini). In the absence of figurative art calligraphy thus became the most symbolic expression of the Islamic spirit. The

Koran itself emphasises several times the importance of writing. In this way the calligraphers and the schools of writing whichwere set up at important places were spurred on to new discoveries of styles and forms of writing. not only for the Koran which remained the focus for every type. of calligraphic improvement, but also for epigraphic writing and artistic objects and items of everyday use. Very soon after Islam had come into being, attention was directed toward fostering writing as an art; and the in-

numerable variety of scripts, with

straight lines, curves and con-

volutions in lavish abundance of forms, created by the Islamic world after the seventh century. was, perhaps, never equalled in any other system of writing. From this magnificent development two major scripts derived. The first was kufic or kufi. a somewhat stiff, angular and ponderous script with many convolutions. This was probably intended originally for inscriptions but nonetheless lent an impressive dignity to early parchment manuscripts of the Koran.

Side by side with this there grew up another script: this was naskh, slender, rounded and flexible. From these two developed a variety of other scripts. But there were certain scripts which were the forerunners of these two scripts, like ma'il and mashq or which flourished alongside them; but unfortunately specimens of those have not survived. It seems best therefore, to begin with the earliest known two scripts, ma'il and mashq.

Ma'il The ma'il (slanting) script flourished at Madinah in the eighth century. The script emphasised three main strokes. The first type consists of slanting strokes which rise upward from the guideline and were inclined to the right by nearly 70

degrees. A meticulous parallelthroughout. The second type comprises horizontal strokes line. The third type of stroke mu'il script, qalam in this script

makes the rondeaux for waw, ha, fa. qaf and so on. The only upward strokes which do not have parallelism are those of the word ia. From the very appearance of a script written in this style, it is clear that the qalam was held in a uniform manner by the scribe. It was not much manoeuvred to vary the thickness of the lines. Another notable stroke is that of ya. Although nearly all of the horizontal strokes run on the guideline, ya was curved downward slightly to avoid a clash with the preceding letters or words. Its shape thus becomes very conspicuous. It is worth noting that out of the two shapes of ya i.e. one with the roundal and the other with a long horizontal stroke, the one with the long horizontal stroke was preferred

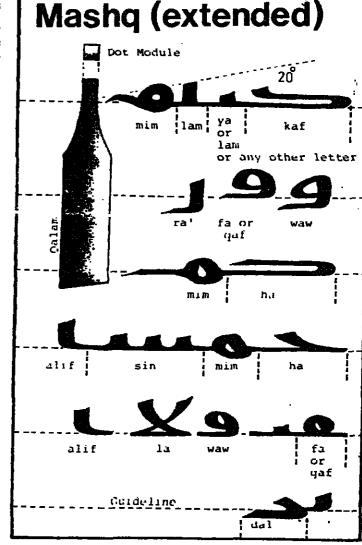
and was constantly used. Mashq: Whereas the ma'il script's main emphasis was on verticality, or obliquity to be more precise (following in this its very name) the mashq script placed its accent on horizontality. The vertical stroke seldom rose to a height of more than three dots, the dot being one stroke of the qalam to form a square point. This square dot is often used in Arabic calligraphy as a "dot mod-ule." Words written in this technique were often extended, thus ism exists amongst such strokes following the name of the script (mashq =extended). Nearly all the words are thus tied to the which mainly run along the guide- guideline. Unlike the case in

was given an oblique cut. This is evident from the vertical strokes rendered in this technique, which have an oblique finish of a nearly 20 degrees angle. Some of the features of the mashq script were very conspicuous like the medial form of the letter mim which in its body makes a small and elegant curve below the guideline Sin has its teeth made of overlapped strokes of the qalam, which resulted in a sawtooth construction, but wherever two or three consonants came together they were very clearly defined. The lower part of ra travelled

down the guideline much more than the lower horizontal stroke of waw, which was sometimes written exactly on the guideline. Kaf was made by superposing two horizontal lines very close to each other. Ha and jim were made by a short left-to-right downward concave stroke. In letters which comprise a circle the 'eve' or inner circle was always defined clearly as in mim, qaf, waw, fa, and so on. Oblique strokes (as distinct from horizontals and verticals) only occurred in constructing jim, ha, dal, and the word la (lam + alif), which in the early Arabic alphabet was considered one letter. Alif wherever it s found isolated had a rightward curve at the bottom. This remained the salient feature of later kufic scripts. Portions of the Koran, in the mashq script perhaps dated 700-750, survive. There were no other hard and fast rules for this script. Much was left indeed to the discretion of the individual calligrapher. Early naskh: Early naskh is

Umayyed governor of Egypt, Qurrah Ibn Sharik, survives written in this script on papyrus. concerned. According to Safadi, this order is dated 709 thus making early naskb contemporary with mashq. It is interesting to note that ma'il. mashq and early naskh were current in the Hijaz when the kufic an even appearance. script was being developed in Kufa. Mashq and naskh con- about any rigorous rules for this abandoned as soon as kufic came into use.

istic of early naskh is its lightness, on its character. i.e. the galam stroke is not heavy. It is thin, indeed much these differences as a major dethinner than mashq. Whereas parture from the rules of mashq mashq gave the feeling of being script nonetheless they indicate static and rigid, early naskh had the two directions which were flow and smoothness in its soon to be followed and on the



Some words or letters were found almost parallel with extended while others were conmashq, for an order from the densed, thus giving fine admixture of accents as far as both verticality and horizontality are In this script alif would rise to

ten points or square dots (module) and since all other letters or words were composed in proportion to this, the whole script has Once again we do not learn

tinued to be used while ma'il was script either, except the width of the point of the qalam and the introduction of free curves which The most important character- was the main formative influence

Though one may not consider basis of which an ancient duality Arab News, Jeddah.

of scripts can be supposed. The divarication and multiplication of scripts based on angular kufic and cursive naskh are almost number-

There is also a view which suggests that both early naskh and archaic kufic had their own and separate alphabets, derived in the opinion of Lenormant and Renan from the Syriac characters Both these styles were so imperfectly attuned to Arabic that both needed amendments and rectifications.

These amendments, when ultimately introduced, brought both the alphabets closer together until they finally merged into one. The greatest disadvantage of

these alphabets was that they were applied to a language for which they had not been made. This question certainly requires more and serious investigation -

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the region after Mr. Sasser re-In statements before he left

behind the tragedy. register up to 11 of Kuwait's state-owned oil tankers under the

"(There will be) no cover up, he said.

The navy wants to get to the bottom of it and find out what happened so they can take steps to make sure it does not happen again because the navy continues to operate the same type of ves-



### Israel and racism

THE Israeli government's decision to prescribe different university fees for Jews and non-Jews, i.e. Arabs, in Israel has undoubtedly reinforced our long-held assertions that the Israeli body politic is permeated with discriminatory practices. It is true that the Arabs of Israel do not serve in the Israeli armed forces and as such they cannot classify as veterans eligible for the discounted university fees. But any reading of international instruments on human rights, beginning with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and ending with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination would illustrate how blatant this recent Israeli discriminatory policy and practice against the

It goes without saying that Israel is party to all these international instruments and has supported many U.N. resolutions calling on U.N. member states to combat discrimination in all its form, especially in its racial connotations. By its decision to require of the Arab students in Israel \$500 more than what is asked of their Jewish counterparts, Israel has in fact and in effect discriminated against its Arab citizens en masse. It matters little that the manifestation of this discrimination has assumed an initial economic perspective, for in the final analysis this economic distinction will be translated, transformed and added to other dimensions touching all walks of life. Israel should not feel surprised that there is an international uproar over this naked Israeli act of discrimination against its Arab citizens. The Zionist state should take notice that such policies would only lend additional credence to the assertion that Zionism is

We all remember the vociferous Israeli protestations against the U.N. resolution which equated Zionism with racism. But if Israel is indeed that concerned about the "fairness" of that resolution, it should try to prove that it is determined to eradicate all remnants of discrimination in its society, rather than add to its list of shameless discrimination and repression against Arabs.

#### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i: Blaming the U.S.

IT has become clear to observers that the U.S. administration intends to employ the attack on the Stark frigate as a pretext to help it impose America's hegemony on the waters of the Gulf region. This attempt, it should be said, is no less dangerous than Washington's arms sales to Iran, and is seen as a justification for America's permanent presence in the Gulf under the pretext of preventing further tragedies. But it should be said also that U.S. naval presence in the Gulf is bound to further escalate tension and turn the whole region into an arena for superpower rivalry as well as allowing the United States naval power to impose its will on Arab countries in that troubled region. The United States is trying to blow the Stark affair out of proportion with the purpose of making the Arabs completely forget the U.S. arms deals with Iran which cost the Muslim countries thousands of lives. It would be safer for Washington now to try to defuse the tension in the Gulf by seriously working with other nations towards bring the Gulf conflict to an end. Washington should stop exploiting events in the Gulf war in a manner that would serve

#### Al Dustour: Iran's sabotage

REGARDLESS of who set fire to the petroleum gas tank in the Ahmadi Port of Kuwait it is clear for all now that Kuwait has become a target for sabotage activity by Iran. All earlier fires set inside Kuwait have been traced back to Tehran and the series of explosions which plagued that Gulf country and the disturbances and the attempt on the life of the emir of Kuwait were all found to have been directly connected with Iran and Iranian agents. Iran is clearly determined to wreck Kuwait's economy and exercise blackmail policies against the Kuwaiti government to force it to give up its support for Iraq. In addition to all the sabotage activity, Iran has been keen on raiding Kuwaiti tankers and other vessels to deny Kuwait of oil revenues and so weaken the Arab Nation. Iran's acts of terrorism and sabotage have brought about the presence of superpower fleets in the Gulf region, and Tehran's insistence on pursuing war activity has escalated tension in the region to a degree that confrontation has become inevitable among various groups and parties. The fire at Ahmadi was clearly part of Iran's acts of sabotage against peace and the interests of the Arab Nation.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Gulf tension grows

AMERICAN officials' statements about the situation in the Gulf region, coupled with military and political moves in that area are signs of serious events that are bound to take place in the near future. The attack on the U.S. frigate Stark could be the pretext for the United States and other powers to interfere and impose their will on the countries of the region. The attack could serve also as a pretext for a major world conflict that would bring untold sufferings for the people of the Arab region. The United States could use the Stark affair as a pretext for imposing the 1979 Carter Declaration which considered the Gulf a strategic zone for the United States that ought to be protected by American power. Of course the United States will justify any intervention as a bid to ensure the continued flow of Gulf oil to the free world. As these developments continue, the Arabs are sitting idly by and failing to take concerted steps to protect their national interests. Their leaders ought to hold a summit meeting immediately and find means for meeting the new challenges.

# A futuristic oil megaproject

By Dr. Waleed Sa'di

ONE does not hear much these days about our long range energy strategy. In the midst of the euphoria associated with the discovery of some oil wells in the Azrak region few years ago and which promised much hope to Jordan's long term security of supply of energy, we in Jordan sighed with relief that long last our desert too will bloom with oil wells. Just as abruptly as the good news surfaced, they likewise suddenly dissipated in the sands of the desert where the oil wells began to sprout. The only other good news which continued to prop up in this vein was the persistent reports about the tremendous shale oil findings in our desert, which geologists described as abundant. The verdict of our economic policy makers however, was quick to dismiss the economic worth of these proven reserves of shale oil because the extraction of oil from our shale oil would not be economically feasible given the prevailing market prices of oil. No economist worth his salt would quarrel with this judgement and therefore, our plans to extract oil from our shale oil was put on hold.

Yet the other news about our energy strategy were permeated with doom forecasts. We were repeatedly told in no uncertain terms that our energy bill is indeed very high and has contributed most directly to our trade deficit and that there is no end in sight to our energy problem. Successive Jordanian governments have therefore chosen to ignore international oil market prices in fixing oil prices for Jordanian consumers and continued to charge them prices unrelated to market prices in a bid to fatten our energy coffers in good years when the market prices of oil are depressed in anticipation of the lean years that loom ahead of us in the horizon. It might be that our successive governments were thinking all along in this context of the fable about the grasshopper and the ant. As the story goes, the grasshopper danced away the summer while the ant built its nest and stuffed it with food. When winter came the grasshopper went hungry and froze to death while the ant remained warm and well nourished. With our energy coffers filled with the difference between the prices charged to us domestically and the prices on the world market, our governments might be thinking that they have been acting wisely as the ant did in the grasshopper-ant fable. But to think properly and completely as the ant in this fable, our governments are requested to think beyond the present threshold of their deliberations and value judgements. They are asked to think big and much bigger than what they have demonstrated thus far. What they are invited to do is to think about alternate ways to redress our energy strategy and assure the security of supply of energy for the next decades when the temporary depressed prices of oil are projected to evaporate in the 1990s. According to the most informed sources on oil market, the full cycle on oil prices would be completed by the mid 1990s, and the "Indian summer" of low oil prices would end in the coming decade. It is projected that in the 1990s, a combination of rising world demand and falling production by non-OPEC countries would put the Gulf suppliers in control of world oil prices once again. By then, the OPEC countries, especially Saudi Arabia, will regain once again most of the cards for the future and become right back in the saddle once more.

In the late seventies, the non-Communist world needed roughly 50 million barrels of oil a day, but the non-OPEC suppliers were producing only about 20 million barrels a day with the difference being supplied by the OPEC countries. But by 1985, energy conservation and world-wide economic recession had cut effective demand to 45 million barrels a day while high prices of oil induced non-OPEC producers to supply 25 million barrels a day and the Communist countries to export 3 million barrels a day. Due to energy conservation and international recession, the demand for oil suddenly dropped to mere 17 million barrels a day corresponding to nearly half of the OPEC output six years earlier.

By the 1990s, consumption of oil in the industrialised countries is projected to increase by something like 5-8 million barrels a day from present volume and the extra oil needed will not come from the North Sea or the U.S. where production is expected to dwindle. And of course there are no more major oil discoveries in th world and geologists say that the satisfaction of the higher projected consumption has to be met by no other then the OPEC countries. The prices of oil are accordingly projected to be between \$25-35 a barrel by the mid 1990s.

These scenarios and projections if proven correct pause serious problems for Jordan in the remaining decades of this century and beyond. The only viable way to cope with this problem is to have our successive governments think in terms of a mega-oil project as of now to deal effectively with our energy strategy in the coming decades and into the next century. Such a mega-oil project needs much time and investment to put it in action, and now is the time to draw plans for it and now is the opportune time to begin the process of its execution. The only viable project available to us is the extraction of oil from our tar-sands in addition to the completion of oil drilling in areas where conditions are favourable. The day will soon arrive when extraction of oil from our tar-sands will become not only feasible and economical but also necessary. Projects to extract oil from our sands are time consuming and the process must

In fact the decision to push a megaproject for oil extraction well before market prices have become favourable is a decision which will have to take into account broader economic considerations as well as social and political benefits. In view of the economic depression we find ourselves in these days, with no real prospects for brighter economic times other than achieving a plateau in our economic development, it would be worth our while to view such a megaproject for the extraction of oil from our shale oil not just in the context of energy supply security, but rather in terms of a panacea to our depressed economy. A megaproject of the size and dimension envisioned here would certainly create jobs which in turn would create spin off jobs and generate in due course new tax revenues and help redress our balance of international payments which had plunged into the red ever since we started counting.

This is a new look into the future and a bold way of securing our future well into the next century. Now is the time to act because development costs are lower than they have been and certainly much lower than they would be in the future.

## Israel discriminates against Arab students

By Allyn Fisher The Associated Press

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM economic discrimination in Israel, largely because of privileges they are denied because they don't serve in the army.

The military criterion means Arabs receive only half the welfare payments given to Jews and many prestigious jobs are out of the reach for Arabs.

The most recent controversy centred on a cabinet decision this tion. month to raise university tuition 50 per cent for anyone who had not served in the army.

Left-wing legislators called the action racist and said Israel was violating its 1948 declaration of

Uzi Baram, secretary-general of the Labour Party, said the decision "put Israel in the same boat with South Africa," apar-Arab citizens are facing mounting theid polices, racial separation and white domination of the gov-

> Mohammad Wattad, one of six Arabs in the 120-seat parliament, said the measure shows that "in fact in Israel, there aren't Israelis. there are Jews and there are Arabs.

But officials from the rightwing Likud Bloc deny discrimina-

"Why shouldn't the state compensate soldiers for risking their lives?" said Likud's Science Minister Gideon Patt, architect of the new fee structure.

The tuition problem is only one independence, which guarantees example of disadvantages faced equal rights to all ethnic groups. by Arabs for not being drafted. In

discharged soldiers' bill.

The law orders high-technology factories in electronics and computers to give preference to hiring former soldiers. This excludes Arabs from many good jobs, forcing many Arab college graduates into unskilled labour.

"Arabs can find plenty of dirty work to do, but rarely a job in their field," Wattad said. "It's not my fault that I don't

serve in the army, so why should it make me a second-class citizen?" said Fathi Abu Yunis, 22, an Arab student in social work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Another law originally gave equal child allowance grants to all Israeli families, but it was amended in 1970 to give twice as much to families whose children

would qualify for army service. Consequently "an Arab and a Jewish construction worker, each with six kids, may both make the same salary, but the Jew would find twice as much in his bank account," Wattad said.

The grants average about 80 shekels (\$60) per child for Jewish families.

Arabs also only receive half the government-subsidised mortgages given to Jews who served in the army. Army veterans get a maximum loan of 20,000 shekels (\$13,000).

"It doesn't matter if you went to the army or not, being an Arab is enough to be refused" rental or purchase of an apartment, said Ameer Makhoul, 28, a student at Haifa University.

The latest cabinet decision came after the government step-

ped in this year to set tuition fees sus between us. Israeli Jews have because of growing campus budget deficits. Tuition costs army veterans

\$1,050 a year. The higher fee — \$1,550 — would apply to some Jewish immigrants among the country's 65,000 students. But it affects, across the board, the 3,700 Arabs attending universities in Israel.

Israel's six main universities. which are government-subsidised but operate autonomously, refused to go along with the twotier system. Patt then indicated the new rates may not be en-

Some officials have proposed three years of national service for Arabs instead of the army, but the issue has never been put to a vote in the Knesset.

"We have an unusual consen-

an interest in not letting Arabs serve in the army, and the Arabs don't really want to serve either." Wattad said. "But Jews take advantage of it to demand privileges from the state budget."

Jewish men and women are drafted at age 18 for a maximum three years of compulsory military duty. Men continue to do 🚑 about one month a year reserve duty until age 45.

Palestinian Arabs, many of All whom have close relatives in neighbouring countries such as Jordan and Syria, are not drafted U lim Some 700,000 Arabs are

citizens of Israel, about 15 per cent of the 5.2 million population. Another 1.4 million Arabs live under military rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

# Egypt's fewwww. women M.P.s spurn special treatment

By Sara El Gammal

CAIRO — There are half as nany women in Egypt's new parliament as there were in the former house, but they plan to as reproducing machines," she make up by action what they lack said. in numbers.

Social issues, including a shortage of affordable housing for young couples in Cairo, will be among their priorities when the People's Assembly meets next

"We are fewer in this assembly but our voices will be as loud as ever," said Olfat Kamel, the only woman opposition M.P.

In elections last month for the 458-seat assembly, women won 14 seats compared with 35 they held in the old house. President Hosni Mubarak allotted four of 10 nominated seats to women bringing their strength to 18.

However, the 14 elected members got there without any help from the constitution after rules reserving 30 seats for women were abolished last December on the grounds that they no longer needed special treatment.

That compared with only five women elected to non-reserved seats in the last elections in 1984. In interviews with Reuters, women members said they prefer to compete on equal terms with men and do not want a return to reserved seats.

ment, being appointed by the force of law ... That law stripped us of our electoral equality," said Nawal Amer, a veteran M.P. of Mubarak's National Democratic cles in its way," he wrote.
Party (NDP).

Amin said women fought har-Party (NDP).
Women M.P.s acknowledge

however that the cards are still stacked against aspiring women politicians in a male-dominated "Constitutionally, men and women (in the assembly) should

be treated equally, but we always have to prove ourselves worthy of the seats we occupy," said Olfat "We live in a Middle Eastern

society where customs and tradi-

tions are strong. A man is still

widely believed to be more capable than a woman." A nominated member, lawyer Laila Takla, said women could convince men of their efficiency other law," she said.

by being efficient.

"The problem is not to liberate women, but men from obsolete, limited, reactionary and physical ideas of women. Once they are liberated, they will not think of us

Egyptian women won their political rights — to vote, run in elections and hold ministerial posts — 30 years ago. Yet, while Cairo's female caucus, 3.9 per cent of the assembly, appears small, random comparisons with some other developing countries indicate Egyptian women hold

Pakistan has 22 women M.P.s, but 21 hold reserved seats.

Syria's women's federation, an officially-sponsored union, doubled its showing in elections to the People's Council last year, winning 18 of the 195 seats. Jordan has no women M.P.s, but 10 are expected to run in elections

due next September. Kuwait's highest religious lawmaking authority decreed two years ago: "There is no justification for women to demand the vote ... Islam does not permit women to forefeit their basic

(domestic) commitments." In Egypt, women need to be educated into political awareness. says prominent columnist Mostapha Amin, urging formation of a group to teach women their

"We don't need special treat-"The group must be formed immediately, but must not involve itself in politics so as not to give the government an excuse to stop its activities or place obsta-

der for their political rights in the days when they had none. He wants women to make sure they get voting cards - which have to be applied for, and without which no one can vote. "A voting card is as important

as a birth certificate ... it is proof in any democratic country that you are alive ..." he worte in the popular Al Akhbar newspaper. Laila Takla agrees that, while some men speak out for women's rights, women have to become

more active. "As long as we're not a voting power, a pressure group, we cannot change family laws or any By Eduardo Gallardo years as a weekly.

The Associated Press SANTIAGO, Chile — The appearance of the first two daily opposition newspapers authoal news media, prompting even the established press to give more attention to President Augusto

Pinochet's opponents. The new dailies, La Epoca and Fortin Mapocho, "represent a very important advance toward press freedom," said Genaro Arriagada, a political scientist and specialist in media affairs who heads Chile's largest radio station, the privately operated

Radio Cooperativa. "These papers not only are providing wider news coverage themselves, but have also forced other papers to do so," Arriagada said in an interview.

La Epoca started publishing March 11 after winning government authorisation in a two-year court battle. The paper's owners shut down publications. It has include prominent members of the centrist Christian Democratic dent magazines that have pub-Party, the largest in the opposition, but its editors want it to be a wide-ranging and permanent said La Epoca sells about 65,000 publication, not just a political

Fortin Mapocho, a more combative, leftist publication, began daily publication on April 14 It had been published for several

They are the first opposition dailies to receive government authorisation since Pinochet seized power in a bloody September 1973 coup and shut down all rised by the 13-year-old military leftist rewspapers. Those allowed to continue printing generally for lowed a pro-government line and are known to receive suggestions from government officials on how to handle politically sensitive

> Spokesmen for both La Epoca and Fortin Mapocho say that, so far, they have had no problems with the government. But Felipe Pozo, managing editor of Fortin Mapocho, said: "We do not feel we have a guarantee that nothing will happen in the future.

"We do not feel protected, under restrictive legislation the government can use against us nytime it wants," Pozo said.

The right-wing government rules under emergency powers that allow it to censor the press and temporarily closed several dissilished since the early 1980s. Executive editor Milio Filippi

copies a day, about half the cir-culation of major traditional papers. Pozo would not give a figure for Fortin Mapocho's circulation, saying: "We have technical problems, and we have been unable to reach a stable circulation."

ignored in the rust, especially last m nth, La Epoca carried a = 5 news related to opposition tical activity, is prompting others to follow suit. "So far, our main impact has been to force other papers to substantially widen their own news coverage to include many things they were simply ignor-ing," Pozo said. "For years, those

papers had a non-competitive market. This has changed, and they are changing, too. The appearance of La Epoca has produced a general opening in Chilean journalism," Filippi said. "We now see stories that were unthinkable to print until

Several politicians have told me that reporters for other papers are now running after them for interviews," Filippi said.

Others agree. The editor for a major newspaper, who asked not to be identified, said, "There has been an opening that included all media." Santiago has five established morning newspapers, and one in the afternoon.

"Our own coverage is now more extensive, especially in politics," the editor said. "We have not checked with the government. We just assumed no one

1st opposition dailies expand news diet for Chileans -1 can prohibit us from printing Filippi and Pozo say their pap- "What others are allowed to print." When a prominent leftist politiers still have a long way to go to become a major factor in shaping cian, Clodomiro Almeyda, chalpublic opinion. But, they say, lenged a government ban on his 24! their printing of news often return and came back from exile that

> full-page interview Other papers promptly followed When La Epoca reported the discovery in northern Chile of a mass grave believed to hold the bodies of political prisoners executed in 1973, the other dailies quickly gave ample coverage to

the story.

Both Filippi and Pozo say they are optimistic about the future of their newspapers, although they acknowledge lack of advertising is a problem.

erations are one reason for the advertisers reluctance. There is a real fear among

Pozo believes political consid-

potent'ıl advertisers. Some have been threatened." Pozo said. "Besides, there is a total blockade of government advertising for

Filippi said he doesn't believe politics is an important factor in the lack of advertising for La

"I believe, rather, that advertising agencies are waiting to see what sector of society will make up the bulk of our readers," he

## Polls make Thatcher's majority look chancy

By Larry Thorson The Associated Press

LONDON — In the first week of all-out election campaigning, the opposition Labour Party has edged up in the polls to a point that could deny Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's front-running Conservatives a majority in parliament.

Such an outcome could result in Britain's first coalition govern-ment since World War II, a constitutional deadlock that Queen Elizabeth II might have to resolve, or another election soon. Political analysts say the crucial task for Mrs. Thatcher's Con-

servative Party is getting about 40 per cent of the votes. Below that, the Tories may not win 326 seats for an absolute majority in the 650-seat House of Commons. The Tories average 42 per cent in six polls published in recent

days, while the Socialist Labour Party is at 33 per cent, the centrist alliance of the Liberal and Social Democratic parties at 24 per cent, and others get less than 1 per cent.

"At this level, the Tories are

dangerously close to losing their majority," the Economist weekly wrote in its edition published Friday. "A two-point uniform swing from Conservative to Labour between now and polling day could lead to a hung parliament."

If no party has a majority,

Britain could have government

by coalition for the first time

since World War II when the parties came together under Prime Minister Winston Churchill to present a united front against a foreign enemy. Another option is a minority government, in which the largest party would try to pass legislation with the tacit support of another

ments often are unable to pass controversial legislation, which may be left on the shelf. Minority governments also are vulnerable to losing a vote of confidence, which means dissolution of parliament and a new

party or parties. Such govern-

The centrist alliance, not yet six years old, aims to win enough seats to deny either the Tories or Labour a majority. Holding the

balance of power, the alliance then would demand to be included in a coalition. It says its minimum price is electoral reform - to change to a system of proportional representation, so that the parties would get the same proportion of commons seats as they win in national voting. At present the winner in each

of the 650 constituencies takes a commons seat. The alliance, by coming in second or third in many constituencies in the 1983 election, won only 23 seats though it took 25.4 per cent of the national Labour won 209 seats with 27.6

per cent of the vote, and Mrs. Thatcher's Tories won a landslide 397 seats — but with just 42.4 per cent of the vote. Mrs. Thatcher rejects sugges-

tions that she might have to negotiate with the alliance. Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock plays down the idea of coalition government, telling vo-Mrs. Thatcher is to vote for his'

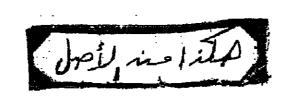
Socialist Party.

monarch, has mostly ceremonial functions. But she still has an important political role in appointing the prime minister. It is easy when a party has an out in absolute majority; the monarch simply appoints the leader of that

If no party has a majority, however, the queen is still obliged to designate someone to form a government. She would be advised by the privy council—itself made up mostly of leading a figures from the major political parties. If two parties agree to form a majority coalition under a certain leader, the queen would appoint that person prime

Lord Hailsham, who as lord chancellor is the senior judicial figure, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. interview last year. that the queen retains some political discretion.

"The queen's business is to find ters that the only way to oust a government which will command a majority in the House of Commons, or, if she can't, to The queen, as constitutional order a dissolution, he said.



'Killing circles' pass away

THE First, Second and Third Circles in Jabel Amman, and all

their relatives in Jordan, mourn with great sorrow the loss of their younger brother the Fifth Circle and their children: The Seventh

Circle and the Shark Al Awssat Circle. All three circles will be

buried in the same grave with the late Fourth Circle that passed

The death of the Seventh Circle at the age of around four, as no

birth certificate is available, shocked the Jordanians, especially

those who knew it closely and passed by it often. At the spring of its

life, the Seventh Circle, although not very much gifted with beauty

and suffering from overweight problems, gained people's general

The Shark Al Awssat Circle, near Wildat on the way to the

television and radio stations, died in his childhood and for

nobody's regret because it was a naughty child and caused many

problems to poor caring cars that used to embrace it. With the

passing away of the Fifth Circle, the younger brother to the old

First, Second and Third Circles, so many memories for so many

people have disappeared too.

Discrete, never too extravagant, the Fifth Circle will always be

remembered as a nice and quiet circle, so different from those that

In this sad occasion, a warm thought is asked from all those who

knew and loved the late circles. We all know that their memory will

last forever, as we will always remember them and will always stop

solemnly for some seconds when we approach their graves, now

Randa Habib's

away six months ago.

## The African connection — black and white in Brazil

By Priit J. Vesilind
National Geographic

HITERA PARAN

SALVADOR, Brazil - Here in the state of Bahia, where South America sticks its nose eastward into the warm South Atlantic Ocean, Africa is a mere 2,000 miles away. Africa is closer than Brazil's western Amazon regions, closer than its southern states.

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In the dim geologic past, when Africa and South America were connected as one landmass, Brazil rested in the hollow of Africa, near\_today's Nigeria.

Beginning in the 16th century.

when Portuguese explorers first touched on the Brazilian coast, Brazil and Africa were linked by a grisly commerce: For 300 years merchants delivered human cargo - African slaves - to work the

cocoa and sugarcane plantations of European colonists. The racial mix has troubled Brazil ever since.

#### Appearances deceive

The Portuguese, who were already cohabiting with the Indians, also mingled easily with the slaves. Over the centuries, Brazilians like to say, colour lines blurred to create a new society of brown-skinned citizens. Visitors see beautiful mulattoes in Carnival costume, and black sports stars like Pele, and consider Brazil a land of racial harmony.

The reality is more complex. A wave of European immigrants at the turn of the century gave Brazil a "whitening." Brazilians of African descent and Brazilians from Europe have hardly melted together in a giant pot, as the outside world imagines. Indeed, there is a special kind of interracial dynamics that North American visitors find exotic and a little puzzling.

The city of Salvador, also called Bahia, after the state, was the colonial capital of Brazil. It became the centre of a strong Afro-Brazilian culture that gradually

By Timothy Heritage

Reuter :

ZVEZDNY GORODOK, Soviet

Union — The launch of a new

Soviet rocket for carrying shuttles into orbit has highlighted contrast

between the generally steady

progress of Moscow's space prog-

sion called the most powerful

the Soviet Union was close to

sending its first shuttle-like craft

By Mark J. Porubcansky

The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Each Wednesday

and Saturday, a few dozen

Muscovites find their way past a

high, white wall on the capital's

northeast side, wind their way

around a corner and walk into an

office where they're known only

naire, then wait in a line that

leads to a closed wooden door.

Beyond it lies a test to discover if

The anonymous testing centre

opened within a large hospital

compound this spring and will be

followed by a similar facility in

Leningrad this summer. Medical

student Alexei Mazus, who works

at the Moscow centre, said it is

four hours Wednesday evening and three hours Saturday, sees

about 70 people a day.

Information about the centre,

including its hours and telephone

number, has appeared several

times in Moscow newspapers.

The official press has begun to

deal more openely with AIDS,

and regularly carries articles giv-

ing information about how the

line at the Moscow centre con-

sisted of seven or eight men and

women who stood quietly in the

On the other side of the door,

Mazus drew a blood sample from

a worned-looking young man,

marked it with an identifying

number and put the vial in a rack.

plaint, Mazus quickly felt the

glands in his neck before sending

him on his way. The next visitor,

a man of about 40 who appeared

rovsky categorised as "serious,

alarming, but no panic." Medical

A couple of days later, the

In response to the man's com-

On one recent Wednesday, the

virus is spread.

narrow hallway.

They fill out a short question-

by a number.

they have AIDS.



Chanting Yornba, an ancient West African tongue, women of the

Most of the nation's symbols -Carnival, samba dancing, Bahian cooking - are Bahian and thus African.

The African spiritist religion of Candomble, also called Macumba in some areas of Brazil, thrives in Bahia and most of the coastal cities and has taken hold among European Brazilians as well. In the evening, drums throb from the hillside shantytowns, and

With cosmonauts Yuri

Romanenko and Alexander

Laveikin orbiting earth since

February in the space station Mir.

the Soviet Union has gained an

advantage over the United

States, whose programme was set

back by the Challenger shuttle

ger in January 1986 with seven

tle launch has been put off until

of the National Aeronautics and

Anonymous tests part of

Soviet fight against AIDS

blood to ensure its purity.

Pokrovsky, newly elected head

of the Soviet Academy of Medic-

al Sciences, said in an interview

that the benefits of research

already done in the West and

stricter moral codes ensure that

AIDS will not be as severe a

problem in the Soviet Union as in

the United States and Western

shall have this illness, and that it

will grow from month to month

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Mazus, who works at the

Moscow centre, said it is four

hours Wednesday evening

and three hours Saturday,

sees about 70 people a day.

He said Soviet doctors have

identified 36 carriers of the AIDS

virus, almost all of them foreign

students. Pokrovsky estimated at

least several hundred people in

the Soviet Union carry the virus.

Three — all students from Cen-

More than 600 people have

been tested so far at the Moscow

centre, and no AIDS carriers

have been found, Pokrovsky said.

yet, but Pokrovsky said it prob-

ably will be necessary to begin

mandatory AIDS testing for

come to the Soviet Union for an

extended period. For students, in

any case, it will be obligatory.

Naturally, it won't involve diplo-

mats or accredited people, but for

students I think we will necessarily

introduce that measure," he said.

quickly the disease can spread.

Doctors are investigating a chain

of a dozen Soviets they have

traced to a Soviet translator who

Part of the problem is how

"They will be foreigners who

some foreigners.

There is no law on the books

tral Africa - have died.

"But I have no doubt that we

year to year." Pokrovsky

James Fletcher, administrator

disaster.

ramme and Washington's trou- .. The explosion of the Challen-

Western experts said, the launch on May 15 of Energia, a rocket fired by what Soviet televi-

spread into the rest of the nation. women dressed in flowing African robes sing in the tongue of the Yoruba, a people from what

> But Brazil is still an elitist society, and its African heritage has created a social predicament. In many parts of Brazil, black culture is accepted, even glamorised, but black people are not.

said last February that he be-lieved the United States might

have lost the lead in manned

space flight to the Soviet Union.

Union has clocked up about 12

man-years in space, twice that

recorded by the Americans,

whose programme has also been limited by budgettary constraints.

And in a demonstration of ris-

ing confidence since Mir was

launched in February 1986, Mos-

cow has partially lifted the veil of

space programme.

Space Administration (NASA), ocuvres have been shown live on

officials already are testing donor they believe picked up the virus

ecv it once draped around its

Some launches and space man-

through sexual contacts in Tanza-

World Health Organisation,

which registers only clinically de-

veloped AIDS, this makes only

one person, who started the en-tire chain," Pokrovsky said.

"Others, however, suffer en-

larged glands or show the pre-

sence of antibodies without any

clearly developed clinical signs.

and among those people who

inspection shows negative now,

we are sure there will be infected

Officials considered shutting

down the Moscow centre soon

after it opened because of the

kinds of people with psychological disturbances — AIDS-mania — people who read the press

accounts of AIDS. They didn't

have any grounds to be con-

cerned - no epidemiological

grounds, no other grounds," Pok-

Medical officials have not

analysed the questionnaires col-

lected at the centre yet, but Pok-

When we started, we had all

clientele. Pokrovsky said.

people," he said.

rovsky said.

"They are now under study,

From the point of view of the

nia, where he had worked.

Western experts say the Soviet

Each African spirit has a parallel Catholic saint. Candomble was brought to Brazil by slaves. Now fused with Catholicism, the faith has spread across Brazil,

The Brazilian elite are almost but its culture is Afro-Brazilian. exclusively white and European. Non-whites of all shades remain overwhelmingly poor, and people of pure Negro background, about 30 per cent of the population, remain a distinct underclass.

And therein is the social paradox of Brazil: The dominant social class is dominated culturally by the lower class. The nation's educational, economic, and governmental systems are European,

"Brazil does not like to confess its origins," says Bahian social anthropologist Ordep Serra. "Brazilians have always tried not to be what they are. We are a schizophrenic society. In Bahia a racist white man is in a sorry state, because the main expressions of Bahian identity are Negro. We act like Africans when we sing, talk, dance. When that man

goes to another state, he has to

In the past 20 years, Brazil has been confronted with a blackawareness movement, not unlike the one that arose in the United

show his feelings for Bahia. What

will he do? He will sing, he will

dance a samba.'

States in the 1960s. In the forefront is a 72-year-old professor and government deputy from Rio de Janeiro, Abdias Nascimento.

The difference between racism here and in the United States," says Nascimento, "is that in the United States it is spoken, visible. But in Brazil it is invisible and unspoken. Here the question is treated as if it didn't exist, so even the discussion is killed at the outset."

#### Trendy embrace

In typical Brazilian self-contradiction, the black movement has been defused by a trendy embrace of African roots among the well-to-do. But the trend has not penetrated very deeply.

People say they're proud of their African culture," says Nascimento. "Hah! Only when it helps business do they come along with their African heritage. When the Germans want to sell Volkswagens to Nigeria, they do it through Brazil, which has its nice calling card, an African

card. In Bahia, the pre-Lenten bacchanal called Carnival has been largely usurped by the city's poor, black neighbourhoods. The original European flavour has been virtually wrung out of the festivi-

"Carnival is a social catharsis," says anthropologist Juana Elbein. who administers the Society for the Study of Black Culture in Bahia. "It is when blacks come out of their slums and take over the town. All year long they prepare, and then come out into a social space. These people were never just Carnival groups, though. They were always seeking a way to say, 'We are here, we

## Lure of wealth traps Bangladeshi women into prostitution

decorated with red, orange and green lights.

Let them rest in peace, and peace for us too.

By Anis Ahmed Reuter

boast hideous monuments.

DHAKA — Lured by promises of well-paid jobs, thousands of young Bangladeshi women are being sold into a life of enforced prostitution overseas.

Traffickers prey on the very poor, or on women whose marriages have broken up, a senior police officer told Reuters. "The illegal traffic in women

has long been a booming trade in impoverished Bangladesh. But there has been an alarming increase in recent years," he said. Prices range up to 50,000 taka

(\$1,600) depending on the age, complexion and marital status of the women, said the policeman, who heads a squad responsible for halting the trade.

In one raid last year, his squad rescued 50 women from an abandoned house outside Dhaka. The women, aged between 14

and 30, had been enticed there by promises that they would be given lucrative jobs in the Middle

"But we soon realised that we would be sold as prostitutes," one of them told reporters.

Officials say it is impossible to estimate how many women are sold each year, although a Bangladesh human rights group said last week that in one district alone, more than 100 had been taken in the past 12 months.

Feroza Begum, 17, was rescued by troops of the Bangladesh Rifles, a paramilitary border force, when her two captors were trying to smuggle her and another young woman into India last

Begum told police she had left her village to escape her stepmother's cruelty, and met the two

men when she was looking for "They told me I would earn

much more as a housemaid in any Arab country than in Bangladesh. I trusted them," she said. The Middle East, India and Pakistan are the traffickers'

favourite destinations, Home Minister Abdul Matin told parliament earlier this year. "Police and border guards have

A woman tricked into going to the Middle East 11 years ago recently returned to her native village of Comilla in eastern Bangladesh.

"I have lost everything. My husband has remarried and the children have abandoned me. Now I am just a wretched woman, she told Reuters.

The 35-year-old woman said she had indeed worked as a housemaid when she first went to the Middle East - but only briefly. She was soon forced to become a prostitute.

"I decided to go abroad after assurances from the husband of my elder sister. He said he was a manpower export agent, but I soon realised he was nothing but a pimp," she said.

Police say that relatives are often involved in the sale of women.

Although Bangladesh earns most of its foreign exchange from expatriate workers, the government does not encourage overseas employment for women.

The bureau of manpower export has issued repeated warnings about the risks women face from unscrupulous recruitment agen-

Officials of the Society for Enforcement of Human Rights told Reuters that many Bangladesh women were in jails in India, Pakistan and other Asian countries, arrested as prostitutes or

illegal immigrants. Society officials said the increase in the number of women being sold overseas had coincided with a government crackdown on

prostitution in Bangladesh. Nearly 10,000 prostitutes were forced on to the streets when the government shut brothels in Dhaka and other cities in Ianuary

"Many teenage prostitutes were picked up by the traffickers and sent abroad," a police officer

told Reuters. The government of predominantly Muslim Bangladesh has introduced the death sentence for crimes against women including rape, murder, kidnapping and

The maximum penalty for trafbeen instructed to step up their ficking in women is life imprison-vigil to stop this traffic," he said.

fetish cult called Candomble carry brooms and flower-filled vases of water to wash the steps of a Roman Catholic church in Salvador. Brazil. Their bright beads represent gods and goddesses from nature.

Culture yes, people no

is now southwest Nigeria.

New rocket shows contrasting U.S. and Soviet space fortunes

Soviet television, more open

accounts of the early days of

Soviet space pioneering have

appeared in the press, and fore-

ign reporters have been taken to visit mission control. But other launches, such as those of Mir and Energia, were only announced after they occurred, and the plans to develop the

shuttle are still considered sensi-A visit by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to the Baikonur space complex in central Asia just days before the launch of Ener

not reported until he had returned to Moscow. Nor has everything gone according to plan for the Soviet space programme. U.S. experts say two proton booster rockets failed this year, leaving naviga-

tion satellites in useless elliptical orbits. Moscow has kept silent on what happened. The initial failure of a space research module, Kvant, to hook up with one of Mir's six docking ports last month showed that the problems of docking, the most

difficult part of a space flight, have not been fully solved. A Soviet space official told Moscow-based foreign reporters at the cosmonauts' training centre outside the capital that the Soviet Union could now permanently

man an orbiting station. "When the present flight (on Mir) ends, we plan to send up another team straight away, and we suppose that the station will

work permanently," said Vladimir Shatalov, head of the training international department of the centre at Zvezdny Gorodok or Soviet space agency Glavkosmos, said: "We have said we can use the Energia system for carrying

"We think we have reached a stage where work on the station re-usable spacecraft, but we have can be carried out in the continual presence of men. We see it ригроse." as a home where people will be able to live permanently:" By contrast, plans to launch a

U.S. space station, which experts say may not be in orbit until the mid-1990s, have run into controversy over its possible military DUCADIODS. The launch of Energia, an

eight-engine, 170-milli n horse power rocket, was seen as an important step towards completing the first permanently manned orbiting station, of which Mir is planned to be the heart. French astronaut Jean-Loup Chretien, who is training at

Zvezdny Gorodok for a joint Soviet-French space flight in November 1988, said the launch of Energia suggested a Soviet shuttle flight could be imminent. "This (Energia) is apparently a

rocket full of promise. This rocket has shown it is capable of putting a big shuttle into orbit," Chretien said.

Western experts say Moscow has been working for at least nine years to develop a shuttle. Soviet officials declined to say whether they were ready to blast a shuttletype craft into space or what the main purpose of the Energia

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#### If you fix a date, you have an obligation to fulfil and have to adapt your work to it," he said. Bogodyash declined to give details about Energia's engines, but

Stepan Bogodyash, head of the

not said we will use it for this

(as the shuttle) in our own time.

We will launch such a system

said the United States ha thing like them. Shatalov said the engines were capable of lifting about five times the payload of the present generation of Progress space cargo vehicles, which he said could cut

the time and costs needed to

build and supply a permanently crewed complex. Western experts expect Romenenko, 42, and Laveikin, 35, to remain in space for up to 290 days, breaking the endurance. record of 237 days set by three Soviet cosmonauts in 1984.

Shatalov said such a long stay in space would help determine how the human body stands up to extended periods in orbit and indicate whether even longer

trips could be planned. Other Soviet projects include offering to launch the satellites of other countries on a commercial basis, and joint space flights with Syria next July and Bulgaria next

# JORDAN MARKET PLACE



rovsky said the kind of person coming to the centre appears to have changed. "Now we mostly have people who belong to the risk groups...

promiscuous women, homosexuals, drug users," he said. Pokrovsky said although Soviets appear to be fairly well informed

about AIDS, there still are rumours it can be spread through such contact as shaking hands or kissing. "Yesterday I heard that I had said somewhere that a great

quantity of the agent is coming out of sweat. I was told I made a lecture and mentioned that in my lecture," he said. "Well, I said something quite different, I said those with AIDS do sweat a lot, that sweating is

one of its symptoms. But I never

said there was agent in ther

sweat, so what I said was some-

how transformed - those are the

biggest rumours."

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to be a labourer, was silent. visitors can call back, give their number and find out if they are carrying the deadly disease for which there is no known cure. It is one of the ways officials are trying to combat a situation that epidemiologist Valentin Pok-

briefly.

Apparently

kilogrammes).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A Wisconsin man died Sunday after being struck in the head by a flying tyre during the Indianapolis 500, officials at Methodist Hospital reported. Lyle Kurtenbach

A1, died at 1746 GMT Sunday, less than half an hour after being

airlifted from the Indianapolis motor speedway, hospital officials said. Kurtenbach was sitting in the stands when he apparently was hit by a tyre from Tony Bettenhausen's 1986 March-Cosworth,

said Dr. Brent Furbee, an emergency medicine physician at the speedway's Hama Medical Centre.

MONZA, Italy (AP) - A 23-year-old man was killed Sunday

during competition at the Grand Prix of the nations motorcycling

race in this northern Italian city, an Italian news agency reported

Mauro Ceccoli, of Genoa, Italy, spun out on a curve at the Monza

autodrome and was killed on impact, according to a dispatch from

the news agency ANSA. No other details were immediately

U.S. climber reaches Makalu I summit

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — One more member of a climbing team from the United States has reached the summit of the

8,463-metre (27,758-foot) Mount Makalu I, the world's fifth

tallest peak, Nepal's tourism ministry announced Sunday. Quot-

ing a report from the team's base camp, the ministry said Gary

Neptune, 38, of Colorado reached the top on May 16 along with

two Nepalese guides - Dawa Nuru, 27, and Motilal Gurung, 36,

Man killed in motorcycling competition

canvas in the third round, and

Muguruma cornered Park with a

series of left hooks in the fourth

From the seventh round on

Park fought more aggressively with combinations to the body

and the swollen face of Mugur-

uma, who appeared to be tiring.
Park continued to unleash

effective and powerful combina-

tions and often cornered the

Japanese before the referee stop-

ped the fight.
Park told reporters, "I want to

take a good sleep for two or three

Both Park and Muguruma weighed in at 118 pounds (53.5

The victory improved Park's record to 25 victories against

three defeats with two draws.

Muguruma is now 25-2-1.

unaffected.

Rozadila stopped the

S. Korean boxer wins

bantamweight title

MORIGUCHI, Japan (AP) —
South Korean challenger Park
Chang-Young stopped Takuya
Muguruma of Japan in the 11th

round Sunday to win the World

Boxing Association (WBA) ban-

American referee Larry Roza-

dila stopped the fight at 1:26 of the 11th round of the scheduled

Muguruma had been bleeding

from the nose since the seventh round, and Park had been bleed-

ing from his ear since the eighth.

of blows from the opening gong

between Muguruma, who was making his first defence after

capturing the vacant title by knocking out Panama's Azael Moran in the fifth round March

29, and Park, top-ranked conten-

der in the WBA and the World

through the sixth round. Butted

by Park, Muguruma fell to the

Flying tyre kills one

The two fought almost evenly

Boxing Council (WBC).

There was a fierce exchange

tamweight title.

15-round bout.

# China's Yang smashes way to badminton title

Compatriot Aiping retains women's crown

PEKING (R) — China's top player Yang Yang viciously destroyed the World Badminton Championship aspirations of number one seed Morten Frost with a 15-2, 13-15, 15-12 victory in the men's final Sunday night.

Earlier, Han Aiping of China successfully defended the women's title against compatriot Li Lingwei, 10-12, 11-4, 11-7.

Frost, winner of virtually every other piece of silverware worth owning except the World Crown, lost the first nine points of the opening game, recovered gallantly to win the second, but finally succumbed to the left-handed number three seed.

A series of ferocious smashes in front of a 15,000 crowd stunned Frost in the first game. He was helpless as he flapped his racket at the shuttle or watched it skid along the floor. Frost, 29, who also lost the

world final in Calgary, Canada, two years ago, drew Yang into a number of long rallies in the second game.

But he was unable to take the lead in the contest until Yang pulled wide a foreband return at 10-10.

13-11 but fine smashes pulled the home player level at 13-13. Then Yang made two poor retrievals at the net to lose a game which had lasted 35 minutes.

In the decider, Yang, pouncing smashed his way into a convincing lead. The Dane was seen to grab the net in despair at 5-0 and then lost a disputed line call to

Visibly upset, Frost went 8-0 down but recovered to 10-5 down from 10-1 and to 13-10 down from

But then the Dane pushed the shuttle into the net to put Yang on match point. It was saved twice by Frost before he finally

Frost, looking shattered, said

had thought this was probably his last chance of lifting the title. Asked whether he was very disappointed, the Dane said: "No, I don't think so. I tried all I could to win, fighting all the

"I'm thrilled to be world champion," said Yang. "I tried all sorts of tactics, but I lost the second game because I lost control at the net."

The 50-minute women's final was highlighted by three long swiftly on Frost's returns, rallies, a variety of drop shots and some close net play.

Han, 25, playing in her third consecutive singles final, narrowly lost the first game but strode through the second as the pale, stocky Li, seeded number one, began to wither under the pressure of constant smashing.

In the final game she managed, to save match point three times before the second seed produced an impossible shot for Li to return and it was all over.

The men's doubles finals also went to China with Li Yongbo later he would play in the next and Tian Hingyi, the top seeds, championships in 1989 even beating Malaysians Razif and though before the tournament he Jailani Sidek 15-2, 8-15, 15-9.



AL FAISALI VS ADDUFTEIN: Both teams vie for the 7th Soccer Shield Association Championship in the final match slated for Monday night. At least 25,000 capacity crowd is expected to attend the match at the Amman

seen above right with their Jordanian coach Mohammad Awwad (left). Adduftein footballers line up in the photo below opposite to their Yugoslav coach Voja (J.T. file photos).



## Archibald inspires Barcelona revival

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Steve Archibald's matchwinning performance against league leaders Real Madrid Saturday night may persuade Barcelona's English manager Terry Venables to sign the new contract he has been offered and stay in Spain.

The Scottish striker, recalled to the team midway through the 2-0 lead. season to replace struggling Welshman Mark Hughes, was the inspiration behind the 2-1 win which lifted Barcelona back into contention for the Spanish First Division title.

"I'd been psyching myself up for two weeks for this match," said Archibald, who was given a standing ovation by the 80,000 crowd when he was substituted in the final minute.

"I've still got a point to prove after being left out of the squad earlier in the season and I wanted

to show that against Real Madrid. The crowd were really great and I am pleased we won.

Archibald's brilliant and deft approach play set up several chances including the opening for English striker Gary Lineker's 19th goal of the season in the first half when Barcelona swept into a

Roberto Fernandez opened the scoring with a botly disputed 21st minute penalty — Barcelona's first for eight months and only their second of the season.

Venables, tongue in cheek, said he was surprised at the penalty awarded when Michel handled — Madrid having been awarded 15 penalties this season by contrast — but annoyed by the decision which led to Hugo Sanchez scoring his 30th goal of the season from a second half free "That goal brought them back into the game. Jose Moratalla's tackle was brilliant. I did not think it was a foul at all." he said.

The result reduced Madrid's lead over Barcelona to two points with four games to play and ended a week of rumour and discontent a the Nou camp on relieved and optimistic note.

Venables, who has yet to sign the new contract offered by Barcelona, said: "I will decide what to do at the end of the season. My decision will not be based on money but on the pleasure and the challenges of the football."

Venables, in whom French club Racing Paris are said to be keenly interested, has suffered defeat only one in 13 fixtures between Barcelona and their greatest rivals.

## Liedholm " reported as accepting Roma offer

ROME (R) - Nils Liedholm, the Swede who took A.C. Milan to the Italian League championship in 1979, has decided to manage Roma for the third time in his career, the sports newspaper Corriere Dello Sport reported

It quoted Liedholm, 64, as saying he had accepted an offer. from Roma President Dino Viola, who has been looking for a new manager since Swede Sven-Goran Eriksson resigned this month after three years with the club.

Viola said last Tuesday that Liedholm had asked for seven days to consider his future.

Liedholm's departure from Milan will end a link with the club that has included 12 years as a player from 1949 to 1961 and seven years as manager. He was made technical manager in March in a move that took him off the bench for the last five weeks of the Italian League season.

Liedholm's return to Roma, which he was already trained twice, is part of Viola's plans to revitalise the club's fortunes after a disappointing season in which they just failed to qualify for the UEFA Cup competition.

## Trinidad's Stewart wins light heavyweight crown

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (R) - Trinidad's Leslie Stewart pummelled American Marvin Johnson for eight rounds on Saturday and won the World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight title when Johnson failed to answer the bell for the ninth

Stewart, 26, knocked down Johnson, 33, in the first round and the former champion, who also fell to the canvas in that round, never appeared to re-

Stewart simply out-boxed Johnson throughout the fight. "I was connecting, I knew I was connecting. But he got to me and I was tired. I decided to go for the body, take my time, not be anxious. And that's what I

did." Stewart said after the fight. , ance. Johnson handed Stewart the,,, only loss of his career when he' stopped him on cuts in the seventh round of their fight in Indianapolis, February 9, 1986.

Johnson managed to open a cut

PARIS (AP) — Steady, consis-

tent, graceful, ice cool under the

That's how most fans looked at

Chris Evert as she created her

different for the woman who

pioneered the double-fisted back-

hand that challenged convention-

al styles of play but was so effec-

A year after she won the most

recent of her 17 Grand Slam

singles titles, a divorce, a name

change and the first serious injury

of her career have radically altered Evert's life. She finds

herself fighting to stay among the

world's top three women's play-

ers as she prepares to defend her

record seventh title at the French

couple of years were tough and

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well and intend to use it to my

"The more I play, the better I

land Garros.

own era in women's tennis. But some things suddenly are

most intense pressure.

faze he Trinidadian, who continued to stalk Johnson, easily avoiding the former champion's wild punches and connecting with

Stewart hit Johnson with a barrage of punches in the sixth and seventh rounds which left the American almost defenceless. Johnson stumbled his wav

through round eight but failed to come out of his corner for the ninth round. The new champion was mobbed by fans who streamed onto

the canopied ring from the rain-drenched seats of the outdoor national stadium. Stewart praised the former champion, calling him "a great man, a man with great endur-Thenew champion said he

would be willing to fight him again if he wants. The crowd cheered "Hearns is next," but Stewart refused to say whether he would challenge World Boxing Council light over Stewart's left eye in the third heavyweight champion Thomas round, but it did not appear to Hearns.

# Indian Skimmer

confirmed her exceptional promat Longchamp Sunday.

top international competition after three easy wins in England earlier this year and once again she was not extended to win by two and a half lengths from Prepaid with Grecian Urn third of the nine runners.

and pulled hard for four furlones before settling in third place. She joined Miroswava in the lead three furiongs out and then sprinted clear of her living when asked to quicken before the furlong marker.

Her jockey, American Steve Cauthen, said the grey would

# does it again

mad of Dubai's Indian Skimmer ise with a brilliant victory over some of the best French Fillies in the Group One Prix Saint-Alary This was her first test against

Indian Skimmer broke quickly

have been suited by a faster pace but that she was always going Evert confident despite year of change

#### They followed the same route along the northeast ridge taken by three offier members of the team—two Americans and a Sherpa guide — when they climbed to the top on May 22. Torino Calcio beats Senegal 3 to 1

SAPPORO, Japan (AP) - Defender Giancarlo Corradini scored once and assisted once as Torino Calcio of Italy beat Africa's Senegal national team 3-1 Sunday in the opening match of the 1987 Kirin Cup Soccer Tournament. In the day's other game. before 21,000 spectators at the National Stadium in Tokyo, Brazil's Fluminense and the Japanese national team fought to a 0-0 draw. The Italian team went ahead when Corradini scored with a header after receiving a free kick by Antonio Sabato at 30 minutes of the first half before 4,000 spectators at the Maruyama Sports Stadium in Sapporo, on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost

#### Bayern keep lead in W. German tourney

BONN (R) - Bayern Munich have maintained their six-point lead at the top of the West German League with a 3-0 win over lowly Waldhof Mannheim. Lothar Matthaus, back to full fitness ahead of Wednesday's European Cup final against Porto of Portugal, set up goals for Roland Wohlfahrth and Hans Pflugler in the 35th and 58th minutes. The midfielder, sidelined for the last 10 days, then notched up the Bavarians' third with a penalty, his 11th goal this season.

# Bullfighter gored in Madrid ring

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MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spanish bullfighter Vicente "El Soro" Ruiz was gored by a bull and seriously injured in Madrid's Las Ventas Bullring Saturday during the eighth bullfight of the annual

San Isidro fair. El Soro, 25, suffered a 20centimetre (eight-inch) wound in his left armpit and was taken to a Madrid hospital. He was the fifth bullfighter injured in the continuing fair

Jose Miguel "Joselito" Arroyo,

neck in his first bullfight of the fair May 15. The bull also broke his left collarbone. Twenty-one-year-old Matador

Rafael Camino was slightly injured in the right thigh in the second bullfight Sunday. Apprentice bullfighter Jose Luis Ramos was seriously gored in his left line Monday. lung Monday.

Lucio Sandin, 23, suffered a minor injury to his left thigh on

THE GOLDEN

CHILD



Chris Evert

Those close to her say she has shown typical dedication in over-

Open, beginning Monday at Rocoming her personal and physical "I feel my frame of mind is good," said the 32-year-old 'Right now, she's as eager and enthusiastic as I've known her," American, who took five months said Dennis Ralston, Evert's off to rest her knee. "The last

coach for seven years. Last month, Evert divorced her husband, British tennis player John Lloyd, ending their eight-I'm now ranked third, I'm playing year marriage on the grounds of irreconcilable differences.

She also dropped Lloyd's name

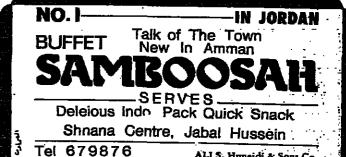
from hers. She reverted to the Christine Marie Evert that marked her explosive entrance into World tennis more than a decade before, when she won the French Open and Wimbledon as a 19-year-old. Within 10 days of the brief

divorce court appearance in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, she was a champion again, beating Hana Mandlikova and Martina Navratilova on her way to the Virginia Slims of Houston Title.

It was the first time she had beaten Navratilova since the final of Paris last June, and in her next tournament, in Largo, Florida, Evert whipped Kate Gompert in the championship match of the Eckert Open to edge Mandlikova for the number 3 place in the

The divorce, Evert said, may have been partially responsible for her sudden surge of form.

"It had been a dark cloud over our heads for a couple of years. It didn't work but at least we gave it our best effort, and we both knew it," she said. "Maybe that's the reason I've been playing better



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## Weekly Financial Report

By Found Batshon

AMMAN - Last week the U.S. dollar opened weaker and stayed in a very narrow trading range. Dealers were waiting for Friday's American economic figures to enter the market

On Friday the figures appeared to be neutral for the dollar. Hence the dealers covered their short positions taken from the beginning of the week. This short covering took the dollar a bit higher.
The dollar traded in a very

narrow range of 0.331-0.335 file against the Jordanian dinar. Charts still indicate that the dollar could move a little bit lower this week. The expected dollar range for this week is 0.328-0.335 fils.

The pound sterling gained some strength against the dollar and the Deutschmark because of the uncertainty in the currency market. The pound sterling traded between 0.5575-0.5630

The D.M./S.F. moved in a very narrow range. The D.M. traded between 0.185-0.190 fils and the S.F. between 0.221-0.228 fils. The Lebanese lira 4.150 JD 4.000

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today is a beautiful time

to communicate your desires and practical wishes to

other persons. You are also able to solve whatever finan-

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Do whatever will make

your property more valuable and charming. Contact an

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get out to the beauty

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Show more affection

for the one you love and give this person a lovely gift

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Favors can

be exchanged with one you admire and later you can be

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be alert to a fine opportuni-ty to advance and quickly seize it. Then handle some

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may get a letter

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Know what the one you

SCORPIO (Oct. 28 to Nov. 21) Praise a partner you

worker that you like this person and much cooperation

ment that you'll enjoy. You can take a small gamble to-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan an entertain-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are inspired to-

day to get something that will improve your home.
Tonight you can get what you want.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you write any letters, add an appreciative sometimes or two that can bring you

greater good will in the future.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will be highly magnetic and attract every person he, or she, comes in contact with. Permit this child to be with

lots of playmates as this will help your progeny to get along with all kinds of personalities. Teach this one to

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Coburn

from some far away, and you will will appreciate it. A

love will appreciate the most and try to please this per-

want to be associated with for some time to co Discuss your future plans.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Show a co-

or barber shop and improve your appearance. Know that

-(L.L.) moved still lower against the dollar because of the bad political and military situation in Lebanon. It traded between (375-362) L.L./JD.

The Syrian lira traded be-tween (92-85) S.L./JD and the Kuwaiti dinar between JD 1.220 to JD 1.227. The Egyptian pound traded between 0.160-0.170 fils and the Iraqi dinar between 26.0-25.0 fils. Metals traded higher at the

ground on huge profit-taking before the weekend. Gold fell from a high of \$483 an ounce to \$462 an ounce. Silver fell from \$9.57 an ounce

beginning of the week but lost

to \$8.10 an onnce. Charts indicate that gold should test the \$500 an onnce level within the coming two weeks and silver should sell at \$12 an ounce during the same

Gold price in Amman based on the daily bulletin presented by the Jordan Jewellery Store are as follows:

Gold per gramme 21 carats JD 4.250-JD 4.100 Gold per gramme 18 carats JD

### Soviet official stresses need to meet consumer demand

MOSCOW (R) — Kremlin num-ber two, Mr. Yegor Ligachev, has cerned that Soviet enterprises were failing to meet the people's expressed top-level concern over demands, indicating failings in a failure to meet Soviet consumer the work of ministries, party comdemand, citing a lack of video and compact disc systems as an partments. example, Soviet newspapers said

Mr. Ligachev told members of the ruling Communist Party's politburo and Central Committee that consumer demand, a key area of Kremlin efforts to reform the economy, must be met immediately, according to accounts in the government daily Izvestia and the Communist Party daily

Pravda. He said Moscow was lagging behind the West in the production of video and compact discs systems, pointing out that Westem countries were producing millions of video recorders while the Soviet Union was producing only thousands.

"This means a great deal from an ideological point of view, in the satisfaction of cultural and spiritual needs," Mr. Ligachev, the Kremlin's top ideologist, said.

mittees and various economic de-

This is the question of questions and, if you like, the testing ground of competition between socialism and capitalism," Mr. Ligachev said. There are pressing consumer

demands, and they must be met today. It is a concrete problem, and it must be solved immediately," he said.

Official figures showed that the light industry sector failed to meet output targets for the production of some household appliances, televisions, radios and washing machines, in the first four months of the year.

Officials who attended the meeting included Mr. Lev Zaikov who is responsible for the economy and military industries, and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov. Soviet leader, Mr. Mikháil Gorbachev, was not named in the He said the politburo was con- reports as among those present.

#### Fed comes under pressure to increase interest rates

WASHINGTON (R) — The count rate and risk putting an end U.S. economy is showing alarm- to the five-year economic expaning signs of weakness amid rapid inflation, sharply dividing eco-nomists over whether the Federal Reserve (Fed) should raise interest rates.

"The economy has not done well," said U.S. Chamber of Commerce economist, Mr. Ronald Utt.

Fresh economic data point to an economy that is growing at a slower pace than the modest 2.5 per cent rate of growth in gross national product (GNP) in 1986, Mr. Utt said.

"Even if we can squeeze out two per cent (GNP) growth we will have done well," he said. "I would not want to see interest rates rise much further." Mr. Utt added.

Higher interest rates could choke off the fragile growth and send the U.S. economy into recession which would threaten world economic growth as well, a number of economists say.

Others believe higher rates now could mean lower interest rates, particularly long-term interest such as mortgage rates, in the long run.

The inflation rate has been rising at a much more rapid pace than many economists and administration policy makers had anti-

On Friday, the government reported that the consumer price index rose by 0.4 per cent in April. It said prices have risen at an annual rate of six per cent during the first four months of the year, far above administration projections of a 3.8 per cent rise in prices this year.

Inflation fears along with continued weakness in the value of bring down long term interest the dollar in currency markets has put pressure on the Federal Reserve Board to raise its key discount rate from the current

difficult choice of raising the dis- and fight inflation.

to the five-year economic expansion or leaving the rate at the current level and risk undermining the financial markets' confidence in the Fed's resolve to fight inflation and defend the dollar.

A number of financial analysts have suggested that if the Fed decides to move on interest rates, it may wait until just before the leaders of the seven industrial democracies meet in Venice in early June.

The United States could use that as a signal to its key trading partners Japan and West Germany that it is willing to defend the dollar by raising rates if they in turn will take steps to boost their economies.

U.S. officials have been pressing those countries to stimulate their domestic demand for U.S. and Third World goods to help ease the huge U.S. trade deficit. "A good time for a discount

rate increase is in June before the Venice summit," said Mr. Martin Regalia, director of research and economics at the National Council of Savings 'nstitutions. Mr. Regalia said he believes

the U.S. economy is weak, but that a rise in the key interest rate the Fed charges banks for loans is needed to calm jittery financial

Long-term interest rates, including home mortgage rates, have risen sharply in recent weeks reflecting deepening worries about a rapid acceleration in inflation.

A number of economists say a discount rate rise would go a long way toward calming those infla-tion fears, and in the end, help

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker has acknowledged that the U.S. central bank level of 5.5 per cent.

As a result, the Fed faces the has tightened the credit supply in an effort to strengthen the dollar has tightened the credit supply in

# Qadhafi warns of industrial collapse

LONDON (R) — Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Oadhafi, has said Libya's industrial base is in decline and heading for collapse unless the country cuts imports, curbs mismanagement and gives its workers more incentives.

Col. Qadhafi issued the warn- not progress... on the contrary, ing at a meeting of government, we expect that in the coming parliamentary and municipal offi-cials. Libyan television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, screened a recording of the session Saturday night but did not say when it took

"The industrial base established in this country after the (1969) revolution has now started to decline," Col. Qadhafi said. "We set up heavy and light industries... but without any use. They have not satisfied consumption, have not developed forward, have not mastered their industry and have not provided

period the industrial base which we have established will collapse," he said. Col. Qadhafi said industries

should only be set up if the raw materials they needed were available in Libya. So long as the nation sold oil, it

could buy raw materials from abroad with the revenue, he continued. "When you do not sell oil, you will not be able to buy raw material and the factory will stop. All the machinery which cost millions will stand still... and the workers will have to go.

Oil exports are virtually the goods at low prices," he added. only source of Libya's hard cur-"Industry in this country will rency to finance imports of food,

as Citicorp's may boost banks'

are tough enough to accept losses

if blackmailed for too many con-

Two days after Citicorp acted

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of debt.

Citing problems of mismanagement, theft and absenteeism at the factories, Col. Oadhafi said that at one plant, making medical goods, the workers sold off its raw materials, bringing production to a halt. Those responsible

ary court, he declared. "There is no committed work force in factories," he continued. Today there may be 500 workers in a factory, tomorrow 400, the day after 700 and then 200 — why do they come and go?"

would be referred to a revolution-

The Libyan leader said beavy industry — Petrochemicals, steel and chemical products — should be based primarily on a cheap foreign labour force. "We will bring cheap workers from all over the world, cheap technical labour from anywhere in the world, and they will work for the secretariat responsible for heavy industries." Medium industries, "which ev- revenue.

consumer goods and machinery. ery party has failed to manage, should be collectively owned, and light industries should be partnerships "of five, 10 or 20 people together - a family or a single

> Col. Qadhafi said agriculture, a prime target for past criticism by Libya's economic planners, must be structured to increase crop exports and cut down imports. Where produce was being imported - sugar, cotton and tea, for example — the country had to start growing these crops, he said.

> A 1986 budget, published but never approved by the General People's Congress (parliament) estimated Libya's spending and revenue at \$3.06 billion.

> But diplomats in Tripoli said towards the end of last year that the budget had apparently been abandoned, following the sudden drop in oil prices, and that spending had been slashed to meet

## Banks struggle with

LONDON (R) - No matter how bate over what to do, actions such banks change the way they keep their books, the crisis over the bargaining position, showing they \$1,000 villion owed by the Third World will not go away, economists say.

Even Citicorp, the biggest U.S. bank, acknowledged that some Third World loans may never be repaid when it set aside \$3 billion from its profits against possible bad debts last week.

European bankers, who have been doing the same thing but less dramatically than Citicorp, say making provisions of that sort does not mean the debt does not have to be repaid.

Third World debtors, desperate for cash to pay for imports and prevent economic collapse, are still pressing for their creditors to ease their repayment demands.

Bankers and Western govern-ment officials fear a world-wide recession would follow any serious default of Third World The way the debt crisis is

solved, if a solution is found, will affect how well Zambian copper miners or Sudanese herdsmen eat and whether their children are likely to have a better life. The answer could mean riots,

or tanks, in the streets of Third World ce itals. Some futurologists said it night even cause bread queues in the streets of industrial countries.

Economists say that in the de-

for loans of \$387 million and pledges of \$1.48 billion aid over the next two years from donor

export earnings. President Mobutu had, until

In contrast, Zambia this month and Peru last year imposed limits on the amounts of money they would pay, pegged at percentages of their export earnings. In February, Brazil stopped paying interest on \$68 billion it owes to The Third World's debt, said

World's biggest debtor owing \$110 billion, began pressing for a 90-day extension on \$14.5 billion Cuban President Fidel Castro. can never be repaid and should be written off as a "political, Philippine Finance Secretary economic, moral and mathematical absurdity.'

Jaime Ongpin said Citicorp's action was bold "but it will have no Mr. Martin Wolf, director of uniform impact on the debt crisis studies at London's Trade Policy and the international banking Research Centre, said: "I can't see any other long term solution to the debt crisis but partial de-Bankers say setting aside reserves does not imply forgiveness of debt, which is something they fault, when the banks are (financially) prepared for it, and withcontinue to resist.

out actually calling it that." "You cannot start with a clean Bankers, echoed by govern-ment officials such as U.S. Treassheet," said one London banker. who has advised several African ury Secretary James Baker and countries. "If the debt is forsuch agencies as the International given, the banks will never lend Monetary Fund (IMF), continue money (to the Third World) to say the Third world must keep up payments on its debt.

Banks remain willing to reschedule debt, especially since the interest rates paid can be as much as one percentage point above For the desperately poor nations of sub-Saharan Africa, the other loans they make. But they demand economic reform, and often harsh austerity measures, to ments to reschedule some of Zaire's \$5 billion debt over a

keep those payments coming.
Wiping the 'ate clean on Thir' banks or by the debtors through a default, has consequences that soon, economists say.

To take, for example, the \$100 billion owed by Mexico out of the world banking system would cause the world economy to con-

tract severely, economists and bankers say. It was a threatened Mexican default that in 1982 turned a debt problem into a crisis and led some to see worrying similarities to the

world economy before the 1930s depression. With a default, the billions of dollars loaned by banks in the flush days of the 1970s, when profits from Organisation of Pet-

roleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil producers were pouring into their coffers, would Some of that money went to

buy new equipment and factories in the Third World but in countries such as Brazil and the Philippines more was used to buy oil that has long since been burned. In the case of Mexico and

Nigeria, both big oil producers, much of the money went on other raw materials needed just to keep their economies going. In few cases much was left over

to spend on investments that bring a country out of poverty. That problem, with net new lending to non-OPEC developing World debt, whether by the countries at a mere \$100 million last year, is unlikely to be solved

### Zaire gets breathing space for reforms kind since the Paris Club of West-

ABIDJAN (R) - President Mobutu Sese Seko's six-month break with Western financial backers has won Zaire a muchneeded breathing space for eco-nomic reform, diplomatic analysts in West Africa said

Sunday. Tough talks with the Interna-tional Monetary Fund (IMF) and donor nations won for Zaire a landmark agreement which illows the government, hard-hit by slumping copper prices, to delay repaying debt due this year for up to 15 years.

It is the first arrangement of its

ern creditor governments agreed in principle last month to easier repayment terms for impoverished sub-Saharan Africa.

Repayment of billions of dol-

lars of Third World debt con-

tinues to be postponed through

agreement by the same govern-

longer-than-usual term could

promise an easing of pressure to

rescheduling agreements.

Zaire also won IMF approval

Last October President Mobutn Sese Seko surprised the financial community by announcing he would limit foreign debt repayments to 10 per cent of Zaire's

then, been considered a star pupil year by rejecting the IMF's freeof the IMF. But his country had become a net exporter of capital. with payments on its \$5 billion debt swallowing more than 20 per cent of export earnings.

In making the break. Zaire said IMF policies were strangling the economy, investment and development was impossible and an unacceptable social cost was good." being imposed on Zaire's people. Zaire's example has been fol-

enterprise, floating-currency, expensive-food doctrines and imposing a virtual moratorium on payment of his country's debts.

Commenting on Zaire's agreement, a Western diplomat said "nobody could reasonably expect Mobutu to break with its main political and financial backers for

"The breathing space given by his creditors is a golden opporlowed by Zambia, another strug- tunity for Mobietu to prove he is gling African copper producer.

Zambia's President Kenneth financial discipline and better Kaunda marked May Day this management of the economy."

#### **Peanuts**









### Mutt'n' Jeff







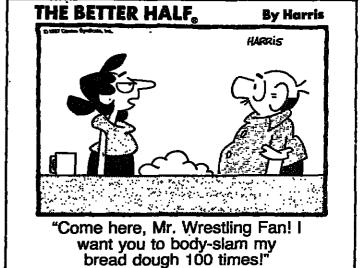
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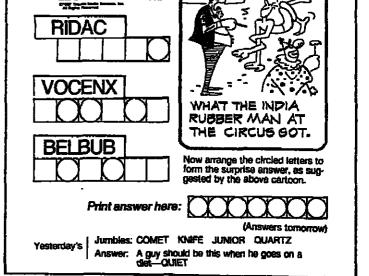




JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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# Ousted Fijian premier refuses to join interim administration

SUVA (R) — Ousted Fijian Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra said Sunday he would boycott the interim administration set up after the military coup 10 days ago and his supporters threatened protest action.

Leaders of his former coalition government promised to stage protests until their government vas reinstated.

"The purported agreement between the governor-general and those who seized power unconstitutionally is without any legal or moral basis," a statement from Dr. Bavadra and 20 of 28 members of his government said.

Dr. Bayadra said the forcible ousting of his government and the dissolution of parliament were illegal and pledged to fight for the reinstatement of his coalition.

The statement attacked Governor-General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau for not keeping the coalition informed about his talks with coup leader Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka.

"Such failure by the governorgeneral ignored the views and interests of the majority of the people in Fiji and in particular of one entire community," the state-

"A good part of the negotia-tions were carried out when the majority of the elected representatives of the people were being held in custody," it said, referring to the almost six days Dr. Bavadra and his 28-strong

caucus spent under house arrest. The coalition also opposed plans to review the constitution. The statement was issued after the group met in the sugarcane-

Col. Rabuka says he mounted

the coup to preempt violence by ethnic Fijians upset at Indian domination of Dr. Bayadra's gov-

Leaders of the Christian Churches appealed Sunday to Fijians to help reunite the country.

They condemned the coup in a

newspaper statement and appealed for a return to unity and reconciliation between the country's two main communities, indigenous Fijians and Indians.

The Indians came here as sugar-cane workers in the last century and now control much of the business activity, although they had never held a majority in government before Dr. Bavadra's

The Indians outnumber ethnic Fijians by 17,000 in a total population of 714,000 in the Paciisland territory. Most of the indigenous Fijians are Christian.

## Indian police kill 11 in sectarian violence

NEW DELHI (R) — Police shot dead at least 11 people and extended a curfew in Meerut to quell Hindu-Muslim riots which have claimed 83 lives in the north Indian city there and the capital Delhi, officials said Sunday.

Police and government officials said at least 12 people were killed in separate clashes late Saturday in Meerut, where the army has been sent in to stop some of the bloodiest communal fighting since the India-Pakistan partition riots of 1947.

Meerut residents told Reuters police shot dead 11 Muslims and injured at least 20 Saturday night in the city's Malyana district.

Police said they fired at rioters who shot at them during a houseto-house search for weapons. Several of the wounded were in serious condition.

Residents said the mainly-Hindu provincial armed constabulary fired indiscriminately into the A local newspaper reporter

told Reuters the crowd stoned police who tried to pull down the loudspeaker of a mosque.

Police have torn down loudspeakers from many mosques and

temples, saying réligious leaders use them to incite violence. Authorities extended the curfew to two-thirds of Meerut and troops and police scoured the

city, seizing arms, daggers, drums

of acid, and petrol used to make The army stood by in Delhi where thousands of paramilitary

police imposed an uneasy peace on the curfew-bound old city.

under control," a police spokes-man said after the curfew was relaxed for an hour Sunday morning to allow residents to buy food Eight people have been killed

in riots and police firing in the crowded walled city in the past

Violence flared anew when thousands poured out of Delhi's Jama Masjid, India's biggest mosque, after Friday prayers and

went on a rampage.

Authorities posted marksmen on rooftops along the city's narrow alleys after suipers tried to pick off police Saturday. More than 300 people have been

Police reported continued clashes despite the curfew in Meerut where the official toll is put at 75 dead and 130 injured since Tuesday. Some 2,240 people have been detained in the city, 80 kilometres north-east of

Hundreds of burnt-out shops, overturned cars and rubblestrewn streets point to the savagery of the fighting between bands of Hindus and Muslims.

Some Muslim residents complained of brutality by police searching homes and rounding up

male occupants. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi assured Muslims at a meeting in Delhi Saturday of firm action to

Authorities barred eight Mushm leaders, including the controversial Imam of Jama Masjid, from entering Meerut Saturday.

Prosecutors told Reporters

Sunday they had been tipped off

that senior officers were involved

in the cover-up by relatives of the

two policemen originally

charged. President Chun Doo Hwan

ordered a new investigation into

has been distorted or concealed,

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idential spokesman quoted Mr.

The prosecutors' office will

Some local newspapers re-

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the case Saturday.

Chun as saying. ...

reduce religious tension.

### ANKARA (R) - Turkish universities have bowed to pressure

from religious-conservative women students and decided to reverse a ban on wearing the Muslim headscarf on campus, requires separation of state and religion and that universities are state institutions, sparked widespread protests. The left-leaning Cumhuriyet said it was decided students at theological faculties reluctantly to the restriction.

#### Canoe ends two-year Pacific voyage

HONOLULU (AP) — A replica of an ancient sailing canoe on Saturday ended a two-year, 13,000-mile (21,000-kilometre) journey that its navigator said proved ancient Polynesians could have crossed the Pacific using only celestial navigation. Amid traditional Hawaiian religious ceremonies, the crew of the Hokule'a came ashore at Kualoa Regional Park in windward Oahu, an area considered sacred by the early Hawaiians and where the voyage began July 14, 1985. A light rain, considered a blessing by Hawaiians, fell as the canoe approached the shore. It was surrounded by hundreds of motorboats, sailboats and outrigger canoes. The 60-foot (18-metre) canoe, with its crew of 14 people, travelled to Tahiti, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, and the Tuamotu Islands without using modern navigational instruments, relying on stars to guide the double-hulled craft. The voyage proved that the Polynesians could have sailed east, in the face of prevailing tradewinds, said navigator Nainoa Thompson. The experiment was undertaken to show that ancient Polynesians could have sailed with precision across vast expanses of the Pacific hundreds of years before Christopher Columbus ventured across the Atlantic Ocean, organisers said.

FORT MILL, South Carolina (AP) - PTL ministry officials said Friday they have accounted for \$80 million out of \$92 million in missing donations and called on former Chairman Jim Bakker to return a hefty bonus he received in the first three months of 1987. "The plane that was in a dive, we've pulled up and gotten it stabilised," said chief executive officer Jerry Nims. The ministry also announced it had raised \$3.5 million in one week and was hoping to raise an additional \$500,000 with an auction Saturday of items including a 7-foot bronze giraffe, a 1927 Franklin car and an environmental shower that includes a sauna. Nims said Bakker. and his wife got \$480,000 during the first 10 days of February alone. Hefty bonuses also went to former PTL President Richard Dortch, aide David Taggart, and Taggart's brother, an interior decorator used by PTL.

#### Argentine senate passes divorce bill

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The senate has approved a bill that would legalise divorce and thus remove Argentina from the handful of countries with no provision for it. Argentina's Catholic Church has mounted an intensive campaign against the divorce bill, which now must be approved in its amended version by the

### Lenin's works found at garbage dump

BELGRADE (R) — Seventy sets of the 40-volume collected works of Vladimir Lenin, the leader of the Soviet Bolshevik

## U.S. forces to withdraw defences if Britain's Labour wins — report

newspaper said Sunday that a top secret NATO report has advised general election.

has pledged to scrap Britain's nuclear weapons and send back U.S. cruise missiles if it forms the

campaign.
In a front-page story, the Sun-

day Telegraph said the report, classified "cosmic top secret,"

NATO's supreme headquarters declined to comment on the re-

Reagan "unilaterally ... withdraw military personnel, aircraft and nuclear weapons from Britain within weeks of a Labour victory and to seek their redeployment either on mainland Europe or in the United States."

trient to send 5,000 troops to

defend Norway in wartime would

be made "in complete consulta-

"Our proposals will, I think.

find the widest possible favour in

NATO," Mr. Mulroney told the

But Thor Knudsen, leader of

the Norwegian delegation, said

his country "strongly deplored" Canada's intent and hoped it

He called the Canadian plan.

"the wrong decision at the wrong

spring session of the 16-member
North Atlantic assembly.

tion with our allies."

would reconsider.

single most damaging blow to NATO since the alliance's forma-

The newspaper said the report was drawn up specifically at the request of President Reagan, who is now examining it with his top

"It is expected to form the basis of a presidential policy in the event of a Labour victory,"

the paper said.
The NATO report says U.S. Air Force nuclear-capable F1-11 aircraft should be withdrawn from Britain as soon as possible and redeployed at American airbases in Europe, the Sunday Telegraph said.

The Holy Loch nuclear submarine base in Scotland also would be closed and its facilities transferred to the United States, and American airbases in eastern England would be handed back to the Royal Air Force within

months, the paper added.

The Sunday Telegraph said the report also says an "immediate moratorium on the sharing with Britain of high-grade military in-telligence by the Pentagon would be imposed.'

The Sunday Tetegraph quoted the report as concluding that a Labour victory would be "the senior NATO military posts insenior NATO military posts in-timately involved in the command and control of the alliance's auclear wapons, the paper quotes

the report as saying.

The report also advocates the phased withdrawal from Germany of an armoured brigade a Gaalstedt and large amounts of weapons and equipment pre-posi-tioned for use by the U.S. army's 3rd Corps, the Sunday Telegraph

milling city Ba, about 250 kilometres north of Suva.

present his response to the gov-

ernor-general Monday or on

and his deputy places on a 19-

member advisory council which

includes the coup leader. The

council will manage the country

before new elections under a re-

"insulting" saying Saturday the council was dominated by Col.

Rabuka and members of the con-

servative Alliance Party defeated

in a general election last month.

could be enlarged and political sources said they had expected

him to make room for a third

member of Dr. Bavadra's coali-

Ganilan has said the council

Dr. Bavadra labelled the offer

vised constitution.

Dr. Bavadra is expected to

Ganilau offered Dr. Bavadra

This formation may be used to support the British Army of the Rhine and other national maits in the northern area in time of war and is normally based in the United States.

This 'token' United States troop withdrawal is intended to register American unwillingness to accept a Labour government's defence policy without it affecting the United States commitment to

Europe," the paper said.
The 96 ground-launched cruise missiles deployed in Britain would, depending on the state of U.S.-Soviet negotiations, be either moved into mainland Europe or unilaterally withdrawn to the United States, the paper

# Gorbachev Romania

the Kremlin's most recalcitrant Warsaw Pact ally, appears to be preparing a distinctly low-key welcome for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who arrives

afforded Mr. Gorbachev in other Eastern European capitals in the last two years, there are no public portraits of the Kremlin leader in Bucharest so far, no Soviet flags and no banners hailing Soviet-

Women are planting flower beds and workers are sprucing up roads in central Bucharest but the busiest activity is further south where a new Community headquarters and several huge headquarters and several huge where a new Communist Party apartment buildings for senior Romanian officials are under

## Donovan trial deliberations begin anew in New York

NEW YORK (R) — The judge in the fraud trial of former U.S. Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan has ordered the jury to begin its deliberations anew with a substitute for a jurror removed Saturday, despite bitter defence

Defence attorneys said Bronx Supreme Court Judge John Collins had deceived them by not declaring a mistrial after six of the eight defendants refused to con-

good grounds for appeals of the eight-month-old case if the defendants are convicted.

The alternative juror replaced a woman who was removed after a bizarre outburst in which she asked to see a priest, recited Biblical verse, locked herself in a toilet and was questioned by a psychiatrist.

The jury at that point had deliberated for about five hours.

## braces for final Jaffna assault

Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) - Thousands of Sri Lankan troops prepared Sun-day to attack Jaffna city, the main stronghold of Tamil separatists, amid urgent Indian appeals for

"The military has been given the go-ahead for a frontal attack on Jaffna," a government spokesman said.

He said troops who began an offensive in Jaffna peninsula four days ago would storm the city of 150,000 Tamils, controlled by guerrillas for two years, as ships patrolled the coast to stop rebels bringing arms from south Incia.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi urged Colombo on Friday not to attack because of likely civilian casualties, an Indian di plomat here said. Mr. Gandhi made the appeal to Sri Lanka's envoy in New Delhi, Bernard Tillakaratne. India, which has a large Tamil

population, has been trying for years to mediate between Colombo and guerrillas fighting for a separate state in the north and east of the island. The conflict, grounded in Tamil claims of discrimination by

the country's Sinhalese majority, has killed 6,000 people in the past four years. The government spokesman, who declined to be identified,

said the attack of Jaffna would begin after more troops and fighter aircraft were brought into position around the city.

PEKING (R) — North Korea's President Kim Il-Sung left the Chinese capital Sunday after

completing talks which Western

diplomats said appeared to have revived some of the traditional warmth of the Peking-Pyongyang

China's President Li Xiannian

and several hundred North Ko-

rean students saw Mr. Kim off at

Peking railway station. He will be

taken on a short provincial tour

before returning home.
The official New China News

Agency said Mr. Kim, 75, and China's Acting Communist Party

Chief Zhao Ziyang Saturday held talks and "shared unanimous

views on wide-ranging issues."

relationship.

#### Top S. Korean policemen linked to death cover-up SEOUL (R) - Five senior South after Park's death.

Korean police officers are being questioned over allegations of a cover-up in the case of a 21-yearold student who died under interrogation, prosecutors said The five include one of the

country's highest-ranking offic-ers, Superintendent-General Park Cho-Won. They are suspected of plotting

to misrepresent the number of policemen involved in the killing. would greatly undermine public confidence in the police," a presprosecutors told reporters. Thousands of students and dissidents fought running battles with riot police in Seoul Saturday in anti-government protests fuel-

announce the results of the fresh led by new revelations in the investigation in a few days, officials told reporters Sunday. Prosecutors announced last Wednesday that three more ported that the ruling Democratic connection with the death in cabinet reshuffle in a bid to pla-

January of Park Chong-Chol. cate public anger over the case. Two members of an elite anti-Communist police squad were charged with murder and the interior minister and national to take responsibility for the police chief were sacked shortly

The agency gave no details of the subjects discussed but diplo-

mats said both sides were eager to

re-affirm North Korea's close

ties with China. Relations have

cooled perceptibly in the past

three years with Pyongyang mov-

The opposition Reunification Democratic Party has urged Mr. Chun's cabinet to resign en masse "concerted, fabricated drama."

Kim leaves Peking for provincial tour On the Olympic Games, Pyongyang is trying to get other Com-munist countries to support its demand that it be allowed to stage eight of the 23 events. Seoul has so far agreed to allow Pyon-

gyang to host only two events.

ing closer to Moscow. Diplomats said Pyongyang hoped other Communist coun-China's official press Saturday published a photograph of top leader Deng Xiaoping and Mr. Kim embracing each other cheektries would boycott the Seoul games if it did not get its way but to-cheek. they said China particularly was Kim went to Moscow last Octoanxious to take part in the Olym-

ber and East European sources said he extracted promises of This was Mr. Kim's first official visit to Peking in five years, although he paid an unofficial visit in 1984 which was only disincreased economic aid from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. They said he was likely to seek similar help from Peking. closed after it had ended.

## Floods hit south as China battles fire in north

PEKING (Agencies) — Floods southern China while thousands of troops continued Sunday to battle China's biggest forest fire in memory, official reports said

The New China News Agency said eastern and western sectors. of the fire in the far north-east near the Soviet border had been controlled by fire breaks but the blaze was still spreading south towards Inner Mongolia.

People's Daily reported that the fire's advance towards the virgin forests of Inner Mongolia was slowed Saturday by strong winds from the west.

In Hong Kong, the pro-Peking newspaper Ta Kung Pao reported that storms in the southern province of Gunagdong had killed 68 people and flooded nearly 200,000 hectares (495,000 acres) of farmland.

It said torrential rain since Friday had also damaged some 33,000 houses, 800 bridges and

400 kilometres of roads.

Ta Kung Pao quoted the official China News Service (CNS) as saying 17,000 hectares (42,000 acres) of land in neighbouring Fujian province had also been inundated, although no casualties were reported.

PEKING (Agencies) — Floods which began on May 6, has have inundated vast areas of already killed more than 200 people and made 50,000 homeless,

and government personnel fighting the blaze had been injured.

It did not give prescise figures but up to 34,000 people have been reported to be involved in the battle to the stop the flames. Peking Evening News said the fire could affect China's already tight timber market both this year and next but it quoted officials as saying the state would buy sup-

plies overseas to prevent serious shortages. Taiwan urged to help

"We should take the initiative

and take positive action to extend aid in addition to expressing our deep concern," Lee Sheng-Fung and Chao Shao-Kang, members of the law-making legislative Yuan, said in a joint statement to the executive Yuan, Taiwan's

distributed to the press. Govern-

ment officials could not be contacted immediately for comment. The ruling Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, has refused to

have any direct contacts with the Chinese Communists since 1949 when the Nationalists were defeated in civil war that forced them to retreat to Taiwan. The Nationalists were defeated in a civil war that forced them to retreat to Taiwan. The Nationalists continue to claim they are the legitimate government of all Mr. Lee, 33, and Mr. Chao, 36,

were both born in Taiwan. They are among a group of Kuomin-tang legislators who have advocated a change in the govern-ment's attitude toward the Peking government to permit families separated by the civil war to be reunited.

Meanwhile, the government-financed Free China Relief Association announced on Saturday it would soon launch balloons to carry food and medicine to the forest fire area to help victims

The association and other agencies here have released similar balloons in the past, many carrying propaganda material. They say their studies of air currents have made such balloon

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## Father kills son for refusing dowry

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A man whipped his 20-year-old son to death the day after his wedding because the youth refused to take a dowry offered by the bride's parents, a newspaper reported Sunday. Nurul Islam died in his home on May 4 after his father prevented others from rescuing him, the independent Bengali-language newspaper Ittefaq said. It said the father explained his son's death as a suicide. Bangaldesh has had many cases of brides being killed or tortured for not providing a dowry. But the Ittefaq said Islam was the first man known to be killed for turning down a dowry. It said his father, a poor peasant, had arranged the dowry in the form of money and gold ornaments from the 16-year-old bride's affluent family in the village of Chilai in Rangpur district, 334 kilometres north of Dhaka. When the son refused the dowry, the father started lashing him with a cane whip, the paper said. Dowries are quite common in Bangladesh despite a ban on the practice. At least 50 women were killed last year for lacking a dowry, social workers estimate.

### Nancy Reagan speaks against drug abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nancy Reagan has told a class of graduating physicians there is no excuse for drug abuse in the medical profession, and she asked them to watch for drug problems among their patients and colleagues. "You can't buy peace with a pill or a powder," the first lady said in a speech at Georgetown University's commencement exercises. "You have a higher obligation because your are the best and the brightest. You are held more accountable because of the profession you've chosen." Mrs. Reagan said. "To put it plainly, doctors should know better and their patients deserve better." The first lady addressed the School of Medicine graduates at the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts. She was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters for her work in promoting health and battling disease through her anti-drug abuse campaign. Outside the Kennedy Centre, about 20 chanting demonstrators marched with signs reading, "if Nancy doesn't do dope, then why did she marry one?" and "just say no to Ronnie's contra cocaine." They protested what they called the hypocrisy of Mrs. Reagan's anti-drug campaign and her husband's support of the-Nicaraguan contra rebels, who have been accused of smuggling

### Turkish educators permit headscarf

newspapers reported Sunday. They said the decision was taken-Saturday at a meeting of university rectors. The reimposition of the ban last December, on the grounds that the constitution could dress as they wished while others would be permitted to cover their hair "in a modern manner." Students say dozens of women have stayed away from classes because they were not: permitted to cover their heads. Many others had given in

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#### Pope prays at tomb of Padre Pio

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II prayed at the tomb of Padre Pio, the late Franciscan priest who bled for 50 years from wounds like those inflicted on Christ during the crucifizion. The Pontiff, who began a three-day visit to Italy? south eastern Apulia region, knelt for one minute with his right hand on the marble tomb of Padre Pio in the crypt of the sanctuary of the Madonna Delle Grazie. It was seen as a papal endorsement for beatification of the Capuchin priest, who died here in 1968 at the age of 80. The beatification process, a step towards possible sainthood, has been underway since 1983. "We are waiting for the infallible judgment of the church (for Padre Pio)," said Flavio Carrara, the superior general of the Capuchin visited the hospital that Padre Pio founded in 1956, the House of the Relief of Suffering. The hospital has grown into one of Italy's largest and most modern, with 900 beds and a staff of 1.300.

## Evangelists account for \$80m of missing

bill, which now must be approved in its amended version by the Chamber of Deputies and signed by President Raul Alfonsin to become law. Argentines, some 91 per cent of whom are Catholic, have supported legal divorce by wide margins in public opinion polls despite church opposition. The senators approved the bill clause-by-clause with the support of most of the ruling Radical Party after some 20 hours of debate in 16 days.

Revolution, were found on a Belgrade garbage dump, the official Tanjug News Agency has said. It was unclear how the books ended up at the dump but it illustrated how books were treated in Yugoslavia, Tanjug quoted the publisher as saying. Communisty Yugoslavia split with the Soviet Bloc in 1948 to embark on its own. independent course, but Lenin is still revered here as a pioneer of the World Communist Revolution.

the United States to withdraw key elements of its armed forces from Britain if the socialist Labour Party wins the June 11 The opposition Labour Party

next government. However, the latest opinion polls indicate the governing Conservative Party has a substantial lead over Labour in the election

was prepared by Gen. Bernard Rogers, NATO's supreme allied The paper said officers at

The newspaper said the report advises U.S. President Ronald

Canada to consult NATO prior to dropping commitment to Norway arrives in QUEBEC (AP) — Prime Ministhe northern flank at a time when the Soviet military buildup, par-ticularly in the naval field in the ter Brian Mulroney said a Canadian plan to abandon a commit-

> But the head of the Canadian delegation, Robert Hicks, responded that "we are not aban-

give up its 19-year-old commitment to fly in a 5,000-strong brigade to northern Norway "until we have found another ally to take it over - perhaps as a

foreign troops stationed on its soil

Mr. Knudsen told delegates it would not be easy to find a replacement defender if Canada abandons its role in Norway. It was wrong, he added, "to send the signal to the East that

NATO is reducing its defence of in West Germany.

northern area, has reached a today maximum.`

doning Norway." He said Canada would not

The problem arose because Norway, sensitively close to the Soviet Union, refuses to have

in peacetime. Mr. Hicks said a 1,000-member Canadian battalion within NATO's mobile force earmarked for Norway will be retained. Canada also will beef up its forces

### GOREN BRIDGE

by Charles Goren and Omar Sharef

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About 13 years ago, Frederick Turner published an article in "The Bridge World" describing a humor-ous bridge ploy which he dubbed the "Grosvenor Gambit." To bring It off, a defender had to make a deliberate error so egregious that de-clarer would refuse to believe it. As a result, the declarer would go down in a contract that could have been made thanks to the error.

G IS FOR GROSVENOR GAMBET The rationale behind all this is that you should pull it off early in a match. The declarer would then be so demoralized that he would not

play his best for the rest of the match. Here is a simple example of what we mean. South held back nothing in press-

ing on to a heart slam. In the meth-

ods his side was using, North's two no trump bid showed some values, and his five diamonds was a cuebid promising first-round control. Against six hearts, West led the Against six nearis, west rea uncling of clubs and, in response from an encouraging signal from his partner, continued with acc. Declarer ruffed and had a lot of work to do. Even if he could ruff his third spade in dummy, he would still have to find the queen of

trumps, and the percentage play would be to finesse. Declarer cashed the ace-king of Deciarer cashed the ace-king or spades and ruffed a spade with the lack. Instead of overruffing and setting the contract, East discard-ed a diamond! As far as deciarer was concerned, that marked the queen of trumps with West. So be banged down the ace-king, only to find that he had set up East's queen for the setting trick. South's confidence was shattered for the rest of the night.

BUCHAREST (R) --- Romania

on an official visit Monday.

In contrast to the reception

Romanian friendship.

sent to the substitution.

Defence attorneys said they believed his decision gave them

The fire in the north-east,

according to official reports.

Officials quoted in Ta Kung
Pao said nearly half of the troops

In Taipei, two members of Taiwan's ruling party on Sunday urged the government to send firefighting equipment and specialists to mainland China to help battle a forest fire.

A copy of their statement was